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# **2000 Annual Report**



**of the Town of  
Newbury, New Hampshire**



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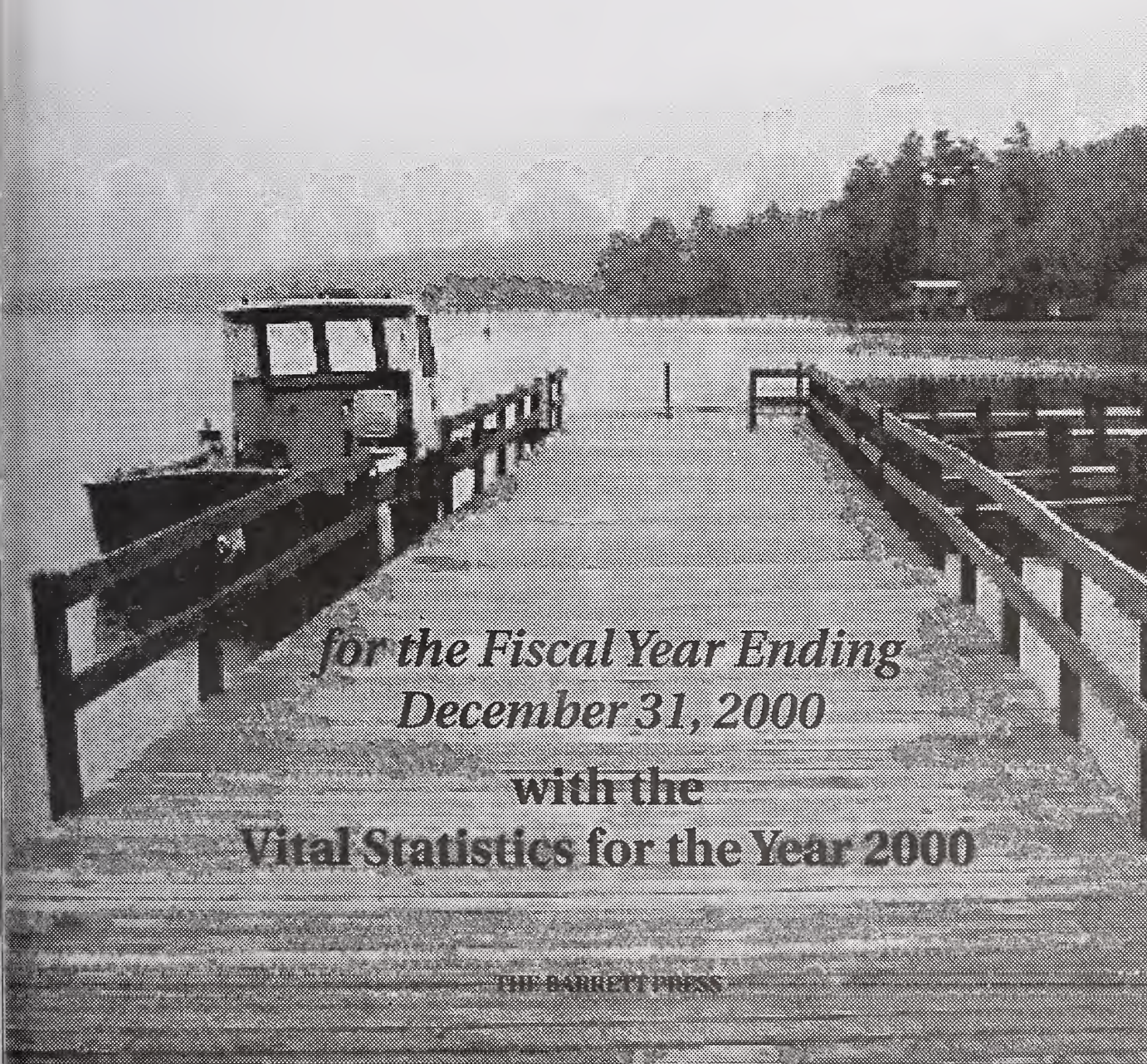
# **Annual Report**

*of the Selectmen, Treasurer,  
and other Town Officers*

for the

# **Town of Newbury**

**New Hampshire**



*for the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 2000*

*with the*  
**Vital Statistics for the Year 2000**



## DEDICATION

The 2000 Annual Report is dedicated to the Town of Newbury in 1900 and the people and places that set the tone and character that have shaped the town's growth over the past 100 years.

A review of the Annual Report for the year 1900 reveals many family names that are still connected with residents, buildings and roads in Newbury. These names have endured for 100 years or more because they represent commitment to the town and a belief in its future. Then, as now, the beauty and abundance of the natural resources of this rural area were a major attraction, although farming was a way of life rather than a pastime, as seen in pictures of fields cleared on the hillsides.

The 1900s ushered in an era of growth for the town. The completion of the Newbury Cut in 1872 opened up the area to summer visitors to the grand hotels on Lake Sunapee. Through the mid-1900s, they arrived by train and were carried to their destinations by steamboat. The tone had been set for establishing the Newbury area as a major resort attraction, and this has developed further through the 1900s as modern transportation and communication have brought ever-increasing numbers of visitors and summer residents to our town.





Growth and change are inevitable and healthy, but throughout the century, Newbury has maintained its rural character, preserved its natural resources, and taken pride in the work its citizens accomplished a hundred years ago. Following is a partial list from the 1900 Town Report of those people who provided services to the town. Many more will be added as we move forward through the 21st century:

John P., Joel, C.H. & L.D. Gillingham

Weston & J.F. Cheney

O.J. & J.H. Blodgett

V.C. Brockway

C.L., H.M., & D.M. Perkins

A.W. & J.G. Messer

John W. & Fred Shaw

Harvey C. & Sprague A. Morse

E.C. Fisher

James E. Rollins

Moses H. & Nathan B. Bly

A.C. & W.E. Colburn

A.O. Gove

J. W. Eaton

J.D. Folsom

H.C. & B.R. Morse

W.E. Cilley

Milton H. Clark

William, Adison & Alice Ayer

Carrie Fowler



Enjoy a look into the past and see what you can identify in the enclosed pictures as we celebrate Newbury's faces and places circa 1900.

*Thanks to the Newbury Historical Society for their valuable contribution of photographs.*

*John Gillingham*



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*Front Cover: The Fells, John Hay National Wildlife Refuge collection*

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **Selectmen\***

James M. Powell, Chairman, term expires 2002

David Kinsman, term expires 2003

William Syvertsen, term expires 2001

## **Town Administrator \*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

## **Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2002

## **Deputy Moderator\*\*\*\*\***

Vincent Iacopino

## **Representatives to the General Court**

Steve Winter Alf Jacobson J. D. Colcord

## **Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett Champy, term expires 2003

## **Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich

## **Treasurer\***

Debra W. Sias, term expires 2002

## **Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Diane Rankin

## **Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001

Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2002

James Therrien, term expires 2003

## **Library Trustees\***

Shelly Candidus, term expires 2001

Beverly Wolf, term expires 2002

Paula Falkowski, term expires 2003



**Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School Board**  
Dean Bensley, term expires 2003  
**Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School District**  
**Municipal Budget Committee**  
Daniel Wolf, term expires 2003

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***  
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2001  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2003  
Lane Bellman, term expires 2005

**Cemetery Trustees\***  
Wilbert Willis, term expires 2001  
William Annable, term expires 2002  
Mary Bachelder, term expires 2003

**Planning Board\***  
Ron Williams, Chair, term expires 2003  
William Weiler, Vice Chair, term expires 2002  
Richard Wright, term expires 2001  
Barbara Freeman, term expires 2002  
Gary Budd, term expires 2003  
William Syvertsen, Ex-Officio Selectman  
Al Bachelder, Alternate Ex-Officio  
Secretary - Open

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***  
Betsy Soper, Chair, term expires 2002  
Del Harris, Vice Chair, term expires 2003  
Katheryn Holmes, term expires 2001  
William Weiler, term expires 2001  
Henry Thomas, Alternate, term expires 2001  
Beth Diekmann, Alternate, term expires 2001  
Alex Azodi, Alternate, term expires 2003  
Suzanne Levine, Alternate, term expires 2003  
Beth Diekmann, Secretary

**Chief of Police\*\***  
James S. Valiquet

**Chief of Fire Department\*\*\*\***  
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***

Ed Thorson

**Building Inspector\*\***

Del Harris

**Highway Administrator\*\***

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***

Debra Johnson

**Inspectors of Election\*\***

Doris Newell, term expires 2002

Clare Bensley, term expires 2002

**Election Officials\*\*\*\*\***

Doris Diekmann    Claire Thomas

Alice Lynn      Suzanne Levine

**Conservation Commission\*\***

Peter Newbern, Chair, term expires 2002

Eric Unger, term expires 2001

Clare Bensley, term expires 2001

William Annable, term expires 2002

William Weiler, term expires 2003

Dean Bensley, Alternate, term expires 2002

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***

Dave Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***

John G. Croteau      Kevin Walker

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.      Ed Thorson

Michael Bascom

\* Elected at Town Meeting

\*\* Appointed by Selectmen

\*\*\* State Appointment

\*\*\*\* Elected by Fire Department

\*\*\*\*\* Appointed by Moderator



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 2000 provided many challenges to Newbury and its employees, Boards and volunteers, and they met them head on with enthusiasm and energy. The demands of growth and development in the Lake Sunapee region continue to impact Newbury, and efforts to manage town affairs in these changing times bring additional pressures on all of us. As you read the reports of our town departments and boards, you will see the facts and figures which collectively show what happened last year.

Some unique issues dominated the Board of Selectmen meetings. Let us begin with a brief review and update of those issues.

The construction of the golf course on Baker Hill Road drew widespread public attention. On several occasions during heavy thunderstorms and rains, erosion and runoff caused significant amounts of sediment to be carried into Blodgett Brook and Lake Sunapee. The Board issued a cease-and-desist order on all earth disturbance until proper erosion control measures were in place. The NH Department of Environmental Services also issued a cease-and-desist order. The Board hired an environmental consultant to advise us. The Lake Sunapee Protective Association also became actively involved. All interested parties, working together, identified the problems and potential solutions which were presented to the golf course developers.

After dozens of meetings and site visits, the problems were addressed and corrected. All earth disturbance stopped as of September 30, 2000 in preparation for winter. The golf course is required to get approval of their construction plans from the Newbury Planning Board and NH DES before resuming any work in 2001.

*Train discharging passengers at Newbury Station*



In early 2000, Mt. Sunapee Resort appealed their property assessment. The Selectmen worked with our property assessor and a representative from the Resort. After several meetings in which all aspects of the assessment were examined and re-examined, the Selectmen made some changes to the assessment.

Mt. Sunapee Resort appealed a second time. After a thorough re-examination the Selectmen denied the appeal. Mt. Sunapee Resort appealed to the Superior Court and the matter has been scheduled for August 2001.

In October 2000, Newbury and New London jointly sued the State arguing that our participation in a cooperative school district means the statewide property tax amounts to double taxation. In Kearsarge Regional School District, we use a funding formula based more on property values than number of students in each town to determine how much each town pays for education. Under the statewide property tax, so-called property-wealthy towns send additional money to the state to be redistributed to other towns. The lawsuit is asking that Newbury and New London receive a credit for being in a cooperative school district. This case is ongoing.

While the Board of Selectmen spent a great deal of time and energy on the issues outlined above, it did not interfere with attending to the everyday business of the town. We continue to make improvements in the harbor area, establishing a perennial garden. Aluminum/vinyl siding was installed on the Town Office building to reduce the cost of outside maintenance, painting, chipping and sanding every few years, and it improves the appearance. We made progress in upgrading and improving our town roads. We were successful in controlling the escalating costs of solid waste disposal by entering into an agreement with Lebanon to use their facility. Water wells were installed at the Blodgett's Sewer Treatment Facility and the transfer station which is a great benefit in maintaining those sites.

In closing, the Selectmen want to thank every employee, every elected and appointed town official, and every volunteer who has gone the extra mile to make Newbury a great place to live. Because of you and your dedication, Newbury continues to be a better place.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jim Powell  
Dave Kinsman  
Bill Syvertsen*

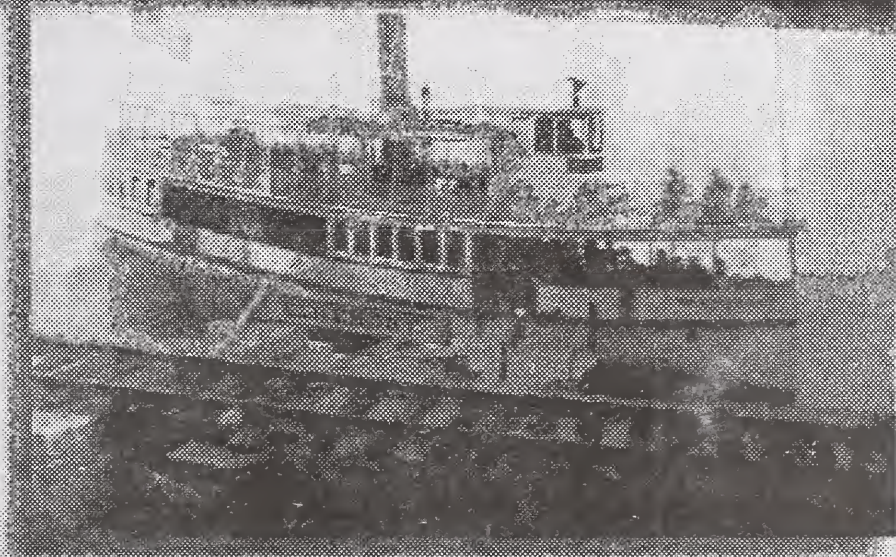


*Steamship -  
the only way to get there!*

*Picture 2:  
Lake Station, 1900*

*Picture 3:  
Steamship Edgemont,  
courtesy, Nancy Marashio*

*Picture 4:  
Blodgett Landing station*





## TOWN CLERK

### -DR-

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$295,807.20
Dog Licenses Issued .....	1,265.00
UCC Filings .....	1,135.95
Boat Registrations .....	12,282.52
Vital Record Filings .....	839.00
Miscellaneous Filings .....	1,141.99
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$312,471.66</b>

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## General Fund 2000

### Receipts

Received from Tax Collector .....	\$5,200,758.48
Received from Town Clerk .....	\$312,471.66
Received from State of NH .....	\$138,180.54
Police Private Duty .....	\$8,010.00
Police Reports .....	\$310.00
Police Fines .....	\$577.00
Cemetery Lots .....	\$1,200.00
Building Permits .....	\$7,978.77
Pistol Permits .....	\$30.00
Reimbursements .....	\$25,952.82
Planning Board .....	\$9,492.10
Zoning Board .....	\$2,160.89
Recycling .....	\$5,260.49
Interest on Checking Account .....	\$21,912.44
Sale of Town Property .....	\$146,000.00
Parks and Recreation .....	\$3,910.00
Sale of Tax Maps, Taxpayer Lists .....	\$220.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Hay Estate) .....	\$16,152.00
Cable Fee .....	\$5,316.24
Miscellaneous .....	\$1,731.36
Transfer Station .....	\$5,617.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,913,241.79</b>
Transfers from Investment Accounts .....	\$3,845,051.49
Beginning Balance January 1, 2000 .....	\$205,555.89
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance .....	\$9,963,849.17
Selectmen's Orders Paid .....	(\$9,431,273.38)
<b>Balance on December 31, 2000 .....</b>	<b>\$532,575.79</b>

*Debra W. Sias, Treasurer*

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

### Lake Sunapee Bank

Balance January 1, 2000 .....	\$32,432.59
Plus: Interest earned .....	\$165.18
Less: Transfers .....	\$32,597.77
Balance December 31, 2000 .....	\$0.00

### NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2000 .....	\$111,386.97
Plus: Transfers .....	\$1,500,000.00
Plus: Interest .....	\$10,208.63
Less: Transfers .....	\$1,010,000.00
Balance December 31, 2000 .....	\$611,595.60

### Certificates of Deposit

Opened 12/27/00 .....	\$300,000.00
Matures 1/26/2001	
Opened 12/27/00 .....	\$300,000.00
Matures 2/23/2001	
Opened 12/27/00 .....	\$300,000.00
Matures 3/15/2001	

### Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2000 .....	\$41,435.07
Plus: Interest .....	\$1,863.00
Balance December 31, 2000 .....	\$43,298.07

### Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2000 .....	\$85,337.28
Plus: Interest .....	\$2,004.59
Plus: Transfers .....	\$8,413.20
Balance December 31, 2000 .....	\$95,755.07



REPORT OF THE TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS  
OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE - DECEMBER 31, 2000

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose	P R I N C I P A L					I N C O M E				GRAND TOTAL Of Principal + Income
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Security Gains or Losses	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	BALANCE End Year	
CEMETERY FUNDS												
VARIOUS	Cemetery Funds	Perpetual Care	13,298.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,298.76	20,447.81	2,013.48	1,590.69	20,870.60	34,169.36
	TOTAL		\$13,298.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,298.76	\$20,447.81	\$2,013.48	\$1,590.69	\$20,870.60	\$34,169.36
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS												
1972	Edith K. Eaton	Scholarship	518.39	0.00	0.00	36.32	482.07	0.00	13.68	13.68	0.00	482.07
	TOTAL		\$518.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36.32	\$482.07	\$0.00	\$13.68	\$13.68	0.00	\$482.07
LIBRARY FUNDS												
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library Fund	2,992.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,992.56	68.76	68.84	68.76	68.84	3,061.40
1966	Shirley Powers	Library Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	22.98	23.00	22.98	23.00	1,023.00
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library Fund	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	136.71	0.00	136.71	10,136.71
	TOTAL		\$3,992.56	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,992.56	\$91.74	\$228.55	\$91.74	\$228.55	\$14,221.11
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS												
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip.	184,188.53	50,000.00	0.00	121,506.55	112,681.98	11,537.63	8,905.82	20,443.45	(0.00)	112,681.98
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equipment	165,595.18	10,000.00	0.00	118,323.56	57,271.62	73,912.85	6,207.59	80,120.44	0.00	57,271.62
1984	Town of Newbury	Police Equip.	16,799.06	10,000.00	0.00	21,129.88	5,669.18	345.55	760.57	1,106.12	0.00	5,669.18
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	15,248.87	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,248.87	1,390.53	1,093.15	0.00	2,483.68	20,732.55
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	20,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	1,515.36	1,444.16	0.00	2,959.52	27,959.52
1997	Town of Newbury	Revaluation	30,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	1,593.58	2,608.19	0.00	4,201.77	59,201.77
	TOTALS		\$431,831.64	\$103,000.00	\$0.00	\$260,959.99	\$273,871.65	\$90,295.50	\$21,019.48	\$101,670.01	\$9,644.97	\$283,516.62
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS												
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	13,785.32	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,785.32	0.00	919.72	0.00	919.72	17,705.04
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Buildings	13,371.20	5,000.00	0.00	4,215.31	14,155.89	413.40	838.11	1,251.51	0.00	14,155.89
1987	Town of Newbury	Cem. Monuments	1,299.66	0.00	0.00	982.46	317.20	433.06	84.48	517.54	0.00	317.20
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip.	4,222.20	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,222.20	63.87	370.51	0.00	434.38	8,656.58
	TOTALS		\$32,678.38	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,197.77	\$39,480.61	\$910.33	\$2,212.82	\$1,769.05	\$1,354.10	\$40,834.71
	GRAND TOTALS		\$482,319.73	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$266,194.08	\$341,125.65	\$111,745.38	\$25,488.01	\$105,135.17	\$32,098.22	\$373,223.87

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year Ended: 12/31/2000

### -DR-

		2000	Levies of 1999	1998	1997
Prior					
Uncollected Taxes					
Beginning of Year:					
Property Taxes			\$297,261.87		\$331.00
Yield Taxes			1,947.99		
Sewer Taxes			7,523.18		
Excavation Activity Tax			270.05		
Taxes Committed to Collector					
This Year:					
Property Taxes	\$4,948,981.00				
Misc. Tax	2,085.50				
Land Use Change Tax	17,014.00				
Yield Taxes	25,334.81				
Excavation Tax	464.92				
Sewer Taxes	53,911.00				
Penalties	50.00		25.00		
Overpayment:					
Property Taxes	13,680.00		1,522.00		
Yield Taxes			98.00		
Interest - Late Tax	3,151.25		16,234.76	642.22	
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$5,064,672.48		\$324,882.85	\$642.22	\$331.00

### -CR-

Remitted to Treasurer					
Fiscal Year:		2000	1999	1998	1997
Property Taxes	\$4,705,312.16		\$289,425.37		
Resident Taxes	2,085.50				
Land Use Change Tax	15,579.00				
Yield Taxes	20,654.46		2,045.99		
Interest	3,151.25		16,234.76	\$642.22	
Penalties	25.00		25.00		
Excavation Tax	464.92				
Excavation Activity			270.05		
Sewer Tax	47,348.50		7,523.18		
Abatements Made:					
Property Taxes	2,553.50		8,900.50		
Land Use Change	1,085.00				
Current Levy Deeded			3,091.00		

**Uncollected Taxes****End of Year:**

Property Taxes	\$254,795.34	(\$2,633.00)
Land Use Change	350.00	
Yield Taxes	4,680.35	
Sewer Tax	6,562.50	
Penalties	\$25.00	

<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$5,064,672.48</b>	<b>\$324,882.85</b>	<b>\$642.22</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>
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**-DR-**

Levies of	1999	1998	1997	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance, Beg. FY		\$55,356.29	\$28,845.30	\$5,070.09
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	\$89,456.98			
Interest & Costs				
Collected (after				
Lien Execution)	1,159.13	2,993.43	9,791.76	
Penalty			25.00	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$90,616.11</b>	<b>\$58,349.72</b>	<b>\$38,662.06</b>	<b>\$5,070.09</b>

**-CR-****REMITTANCE TO TREASURER**

	1999	1998	1997	Prior
Redemptions	\$18,965.98	\$19,724.78	\$24,505.61	
Interest/Costs Collected				
(After Lien Execution)	1,159.13	2,993.43	9,791.76	
Penalty			25.00	
Liens Deeded				
to Municipality		3,149.71	2,979.88	494.46
Balance of				
Unredeemed Liens				
End of Year	70,491.00	32,481.80	1,359.81	4,575.63
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$90,616.11</b>	<b>\$58,349.72</b>	<b>\$38,662.06</b>	<b>\$5,070.09</b>



# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

## 2000 Assessed Valuation

### Value of Land Only:

	Acres	Valuation	Totals
Current Use	10,347	\$537,051	
Residential	7,466	130,351,890	
Commercial/Industrial	1,027	4,925,350	
Total of Taxable Land	18,840		\$135,814,291
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$6,176,431)	2,788		

### Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$105,507,300	
Commercial/Industrial	9,964,750	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$115,472,050
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$2,180,200)		

### Public Utilities:

Electric	\$2,030,727
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### VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

Blind Exemptions (Number: 1)	\$15,000	
Elderly Exemptions (Number: 6)	180,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		(\$195,000)

### Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate is Computed

\$253,122,068

### Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation and/or Flood Control Land	\$931
Other (John Hay Nat'l Wildlife)	17,183

### TAX CREDITS

	Limit	No.	Tax Credit
Totally & permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and widows of veterans	\$700	2	\$ 1,400
Other war service credits	\$50	100	5,000
Total number of amount		102	\$6,400

## NEWBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Newbury Public Library had its beginnings in 1893 when the town voted to appropriate \$25 to support a town library. An additional \$25 was given that year by Colonel John Hay to buy books. The library opened later that year in a room above the Cilley store in South Newbury, and it remained there until 1910. In 1915 a second library was established in the King's Daughters Hall (now the Veterans Hall). The two libraries served the town until 1962, when the town appropriated \$15,000 to construct a dedicated library building. In 1998 an extensive renovation project added 2100 square feet to the existing building.

In 2000, Newbury Public Library completed its first full calendar year in the new building. During the year, the library improved the size and quality of its collection, added many new patrons, substantially increased attendance and circulation, introduced new programs, and benefited from the efforts of many volunteers.

**The collection.** At year's end, the library had 9,466 items on its shelves, including 431 videos and 284 audiobooks. The library added over 1,500 items during the year, including 416 new books, 116 of which were children's books.

**Patrons.** The library had 910 registered patrons, including 117 other libraries that have borrowed materials through interlibrary loan.

**Patron visits and checkouts.** The library's attendance and circulation were significantly greater in 2000 than ever before as demonstrated by a comparison of the figures with 1997, the last full calendar year in the old building.

### Patron Visits and Checkouts: 2000 vs. 1997

	2000	1997
Patron visits	9,814	3,759
Checkouts	11,854	5,311

**Programs.** During the year, the library added a monthly book discussion series and a summer reading program for school-age children, and continued the preschool story hour program and free computer lessons.

**Book discussion series.** Ten book discussions were held on the first Monday evening of the month, February through November. Average attendance at the discussions was 16, including a visiting scholar, who was paid through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Nancy Marashio coordinated the programs on a volunteer basis, with assistance from the library staff.

**Summer reading program.** Six weekly programs were held on Tuesday afternoons during July and August. The average attendance was 12 children and three adults. The sessions encouraged children to read books, provided a book-length story for the children, and included weaving and paper-folding activities. Beverly Wolf, Elizabeth Wolf, and Jennifer Wilson, all volunteers, conducted the programs with support from the library staff.

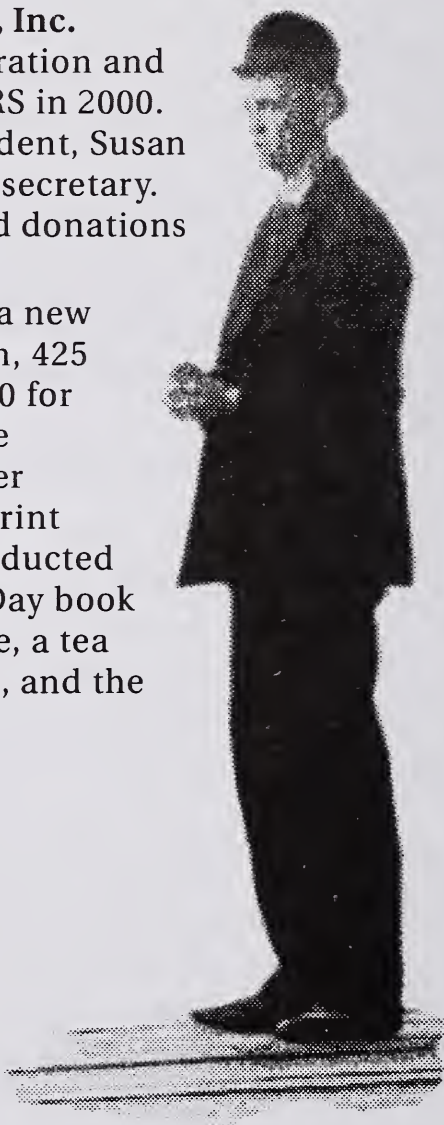
**Preschool story hour.** There were 52 preschool story hour sessions on Wednesday mornings in 2000. Average attendance was 16 children and 9 adults. Julie Allen, a long-time volunteer, conducted the program with assistance from the library staff.

**Computer lessons.** Free one-on-one computer and Internet lessons were available on Wednesday afternoons or at other times by appointment. Ken Tentarelli, the library's volunteer technical expert, provided instruction to many patrons during the year.

#### **Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.**

The Friends became a nonprofit corporation and obtained tax-exempt status from the IRS in 2000. The Friends elected Regina Albro president, Susan Hogan treasurer, and Lee Fleming-Salt secretary. The Friends solicited memberships and donations for the benefit of the library.

The Friends donated to the library a new copier/printer, a baby-changing station, 425 audiobook cases, \$1,000 for books, \$400 for audiobooks, and \$1,000 for videos. The Friends also agreed to purchase a ladder system for the tower room and a new print encyclopedia in 2001. The Friends conducted a Valentine's Day party, the Memorial Day book and bake sale, the Fourth of July parade, a tea honoring the library's many volunteers, and the holiday tree lighting.





**Volunteers.** Many years ago, Pat Steinfield started volunteering at the library on Wednesday afternoons. With the completion of the new building, she was joined by others. Now there is a regular group of volunteers who help out mainly on Wednesdays, primarily in processing materials and maintaining the building. In addition, with help from the library staff, the volunteers, as a service to the town, organized and indexed the archives related to the Bell Cove Caboose. Among these volunteers were Regina Albro, Evelyn Ayer, Dave Barden, Ed Candidus, Marianna Halufska, Lorraine Iacopino, Suzanne Levine, Adrienne Mavragis, Judy Rayner, and Pat Steinfield. Altogether, volunteers (other than the library trustees) contributed 782 hours of labor to the library during the year.

The library community was saddened when Pat Steinfield passed away in late 2000. Her family and friends established and contributed to the Patricia W. Steinfield Library Fund, which will provide the library with support in the future. The trustees named the library's reading room the "Pat Steinfield Room," in honor of this beloved volunteer.

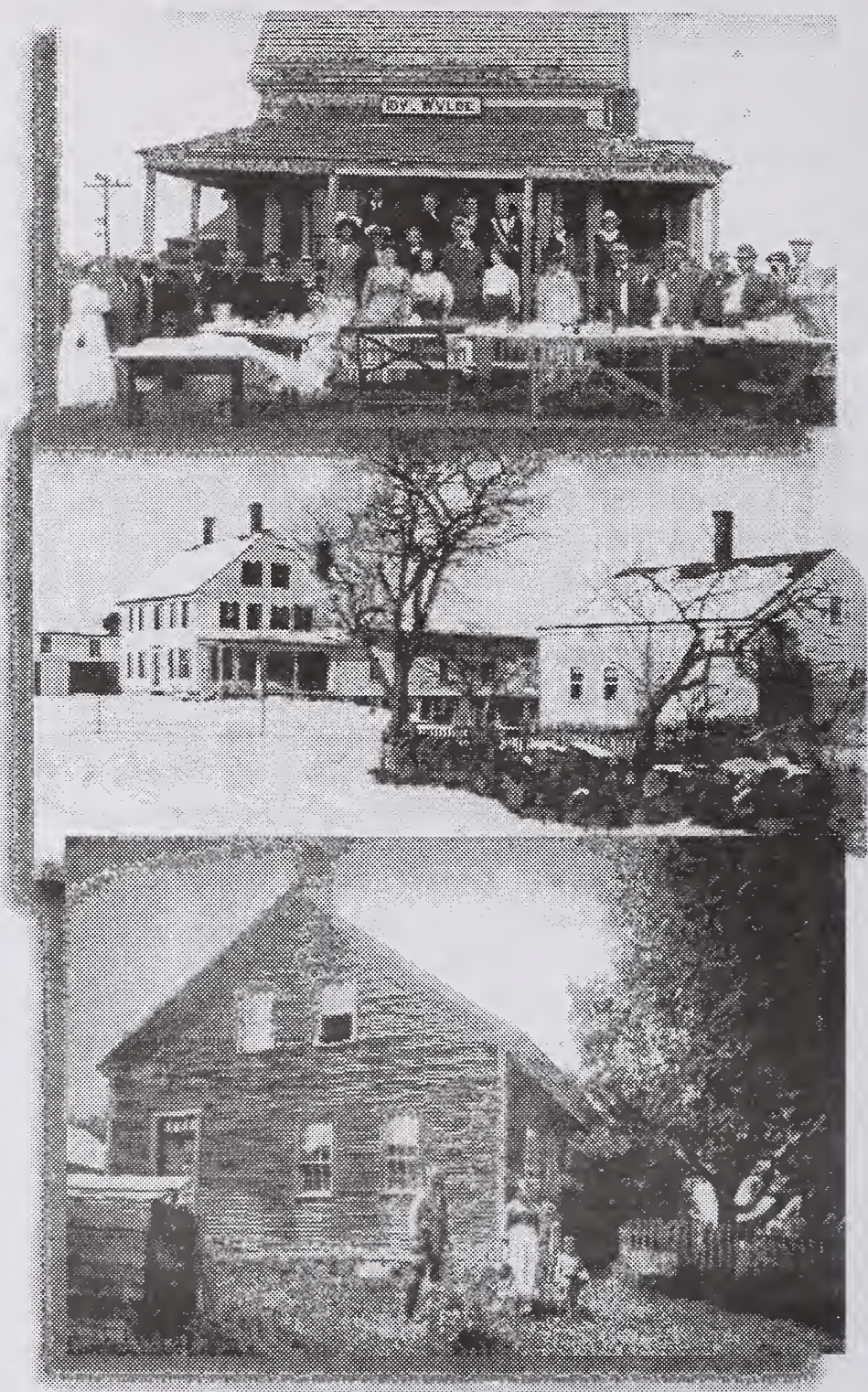
**Disabled access.** The library is wheelchair accessible. The library staff will deliver materials to the homebound upon request.

**Newbury Public Library is your library.** The library offers free access to books, videos, audiobooks, computers, the Internet, print and online periodicals, and comfortable areas for reading and conversation. Likewise, all of the library's programs, which are continuing into 2001, are available to all for free. Borrowing privileges are available to Newbury residents and property owners. Information about the library is updated regularly at the library's website, located at [www.town.newbury.nh.us/library/](http://www.town.newbury.nh.us/library/).

Library Trustees	Librarians
<i>Beverly Wolf, Chairperson</i>	<i>Alan Brown</i>
<i>Shelly Candidus, Secretary</i>	<i>Alice Lynn</i>
<i>Paula Falkowski, Treasurer</i>	



- (1) *Idyl Wilde*  
(2) *Daniel Perkins Farm, Morse Hill*  
(3) *Henry Foster homestead*





## NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting in July at the Center Meeting House. The membership reelected incumbent directors Bill Annable, Margie Weiler, and Bill Weiler as new directors for three-year terms. The featured speaker was Ron Garceau of Sunapee who spoke on "The Steamboat Era on Lake Sunapee."

Our membership now stands at 88, of which 43 are family members, and 44 are individual members. Among the individual members, 21 are lifetime members. We have one member in the business category.

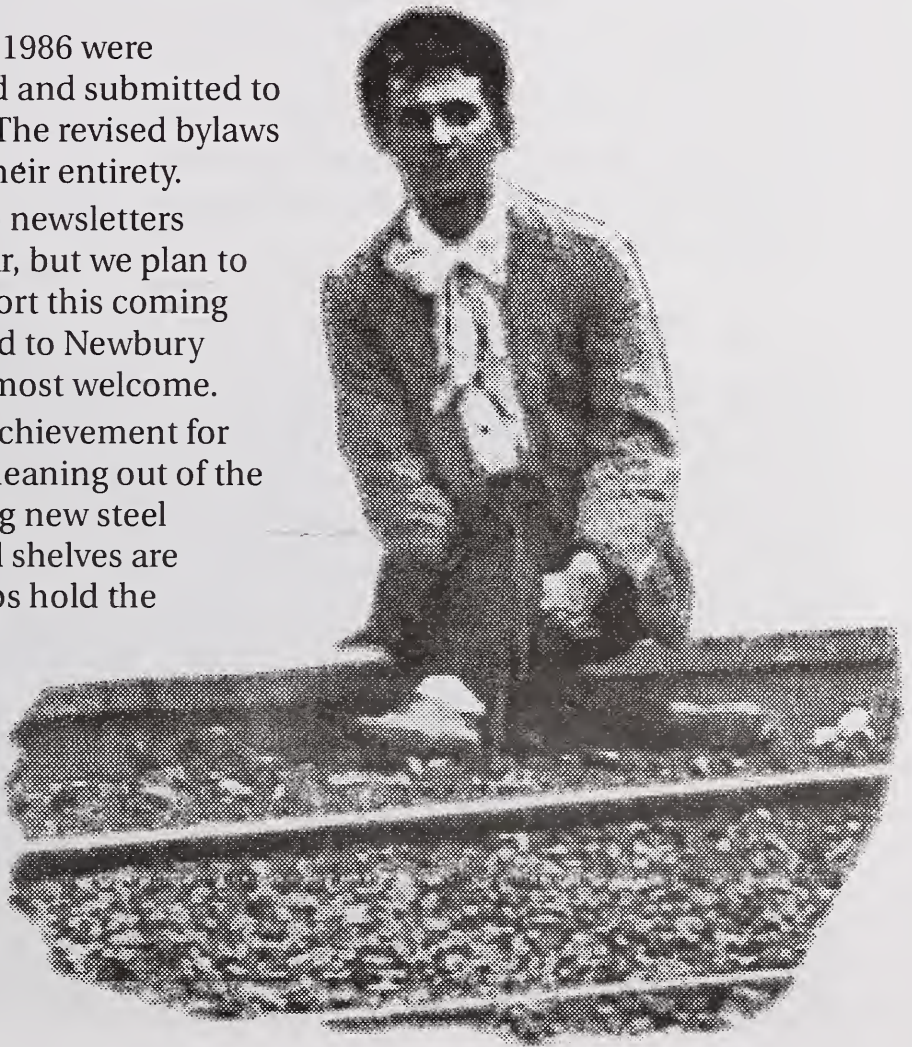
The Treasurer reports that at the end of our fiscal year, May 31, our working fund balance was at \$2994.19. Our conservation and preservation fund continues to have a balance of \$1050.78. We have \$2100 in certificates of deposit, the interest from which pays the dues of the life members.

Upon recommendation from the board, the membership voted to increase life member dues from \$100.00 to \$150.00. The income from the old amount was not sufficient to fund the membership at our current dues rate.

The bylaws of 1986 were extensively revised and submitted to the membership. The revised bylaws were adopted in their entirety.

There were no newsletters published this year, but we plan to make a greater effort this coming year. Essays related to Newbury history would be most welcome.

Our greatest achievement for the year was the cleaning out of the vault and installing new steel shelving. The steel shelves are deeper which helps hold the larger materials better, and they do not emit paper destroying chemicals. The next step will be cataloging the collection.





We are looking to the new year with optimism. We have an active group of directors and a number of new projects under way which will preserve the collection and help increase our understanding of Newbury history. The financial support we receive from our members is greatly appreciated and will help us to advance our projects to catalog the collection and install environmental controls.

Our board of director meetings, which are held about every two months, are open to the public. We welcome anyone who wishes to sit in and contribute. Contact a director or officer for dates.

The Historical Society collection is kept in Sherman Hall, South Newbury which is open to the public by appointment from April through October; call Bill Weiler at 938-2892. Access to the collection may be arranged through other Board members as well.

*William Weiler, President*  
*William Annable, Vice President*  
*Margaret Weiler, Treasurer*  
*Alice Lynn, Corresponding Secretary*  
*Directors:*  
*Joseph Cronin*  
*Tracy Messer*  
*Barbara Steward*  
*Nancy Marashio*  
*Dennis Pavlicek*

*Train wreck, King's Crossing, 1922 (3 killed)*



## PARKS AND RECREATION

Year 2000 brought Newbury Parks and Rec. an infusion of new members, energy, and initiative. Joining the effort and contributing generously to Newbury's recreation planning and park development were Mark Cashin, Dori Lyman, Margo Steeves, Lynn Wallace and Helen Wright. We appreciate their dedication and find the larger group gives us the ability to do more, which is both exciting and fulfilling.

Despite chilly temperatures and scant sunshine for much of July, Newbury once again conducted Red Cross-certified swim lessons for swim levels 1-7, as well as preschool water introduction for 3-5 year olds. We advocate swim lessons and urge all parents of young children to take advantage of them. Our goal for 2001 is to actively promote swimming lessons for all Newbury children and we welcome public input as to how this can best be done. Lessons cost only \$20 and scholarships are available. In addition to promoting fun and socialization among children, it has been well documented that swimming ability saves lives!

Newbury's children join with Bradford and Sutton children for the organized team sports of baseball and soccer. Newbury once again contributed \$3,500 to Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS). This organization has enjoyed public support as well as private donations over recent years, yet despite this, the existing athletic facilities shared by the towns are inadequate for current demands. This is evidenced by increasing difficulty scheduling required practices and games as well as the degradation of these fields from overuse.

*Newbury Harbor (courtesy of Catherine Dunmire, Ft. Wayne, IN)*





The colorful summer Concert Series at the gazebo was expanded in 2000, with a total of 14 events which offered a wider variety of music. Along with the regular shows featuring folk music, jazz, reggae and rock, we added traditional blues, a community big band, barbershop quartet and a few singer/songwriters. Although questionable weather threatened many of the concert dates, attendance was strong and many local businesses generously supported the program. We thank them for their devotion to our town events and welcome ideas on how to further enhance this positive effort.

Parks and Rec. promoted additional recreation activities during the summer in partnership with local businesses and will do so again in 2001. With Bob Skinner's Ski & Sports and the Mt. Sunapee Resort, a skate clinic was offered each Tuesday for three hours for \$10, which included rental and instruction. Two Open Water Scuba certification courses were offered through Laporte's Skindiving Shop in an effort to reestablish a local diving club. Outspokin' Bicycle & Sport once again offered their popular trail rides for 10-14 year olds. This program emphasized having fun while learning trail riding skills and manners and improving rider safety. The Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge constructed a lighted volleyball court behind the Lodge and welcomed Newbury Parks & Rec. to promote open volleyball games once a week at this great facility. While this happened too late in the season to build a following, we anticipate this will be popular in 2001 when the word gets out how much fun volleyball can be. This same facility can be used for ice skating in the winter and the Lodge has indicated a willingness to work with Newbury so it can be used by residents.

*Mail stage between Bradford and Newbury P. O.*



The town-owned Fishersfield property, located opposite the Transfer Station on Old Post Road, has tremendous natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife. In November, Parks & Rec. established a trail on the property. It starts from the interior log landing, loops approximately one mile over rolling terrain to the pristine pond, and returns to the log landing. The public was invited to help with this work and a small campfire celebration at the pond area marked the first annual Fishersfield Trail Day. This easy-to-walk trail is a fun hike for old and young and we urge you to consider a visit. Parks & Rec. hopes to work with "Trail Wrights," a non-profit trail maintenance and clearing group of volunteers, to clear a second trail in 2001.

At the time of this writing we have learned that the Wetlands Bureau approval process for the Fishersfield Park Master Plan is under way; however, it will not be completed for the March Town Meeting. We are hopeful that the application will be approved as Newbury and the regional district very much need to cultivate more athletic fields. At the same time we recognize the magnitude of the process with the State of NH Wetlands Bureau and will be patient.

This year we intend to continue the programs mentioned above and focus energies on a few new and old initiatives. We will try once again to put on some kind of dance program in town. We have talked about doing family dances, contra dances, and the need for teen dances. Let us know what you'd like to see. We have also talked about putting on a road bike race and also a series of 5K road or cross-country running races. We're also looking for someone with energy to coordinate a possible arts and crafts program for children during the summer months. If any of our existing or proposed activities interest you, if you have suggestions, want to join our busy team, or wish to somehow get involved, you are welcome! Please leave a note addressed to Parks & Rec. at the Town Office.

*Thank you,  
Harry Seidel*



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission was busy in 2000. We reviewed 16 Intents to Cut, two cuts in the buffer zone, four Minimum Impact Wetland applications, and seven Standard Dredge and Fill applications.

The revised town trail maps were printed and made available to the public early in the year. They are available at the Town Office and the library, as well as at a number of area businesses.

The biggest project we have been working on this past year is the Natural Resources Inventory. Approval for the funds to have the inventory done were voted on at a public hearing. The money needed for the inventory was taken from Conservation Commission funds. Ray Lobdell of Lobdell Associates, Inc. is conducting the inventory with input from the Conservation Commission and other town resources. The Commission has reviewed drafts of the inventory and we hope to have the final copy by late winter or early spring. When completed, the Natural Resources Inventory should be a great asset not only to the Commission but also to other boards and the town as a whole.

*Peter Newbern, Chairman*

*Trading Post area, circa 1920*



## THE FELLS, JOHN HAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

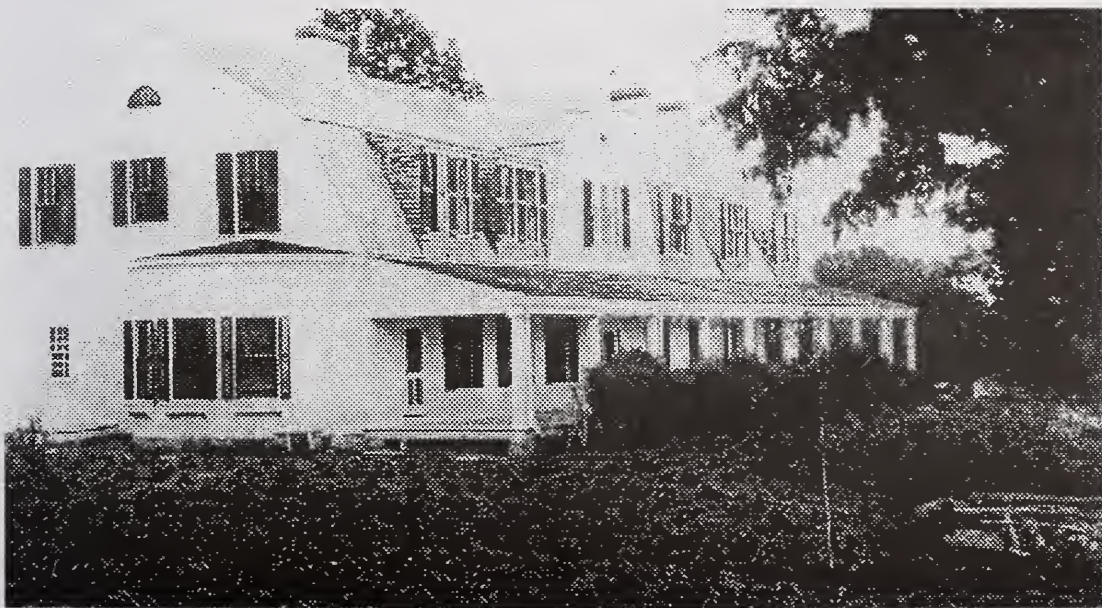
The year 2000 set a new record for fund-raising events at The Fells. Garden tours, auction, plant sale, historic cruise, and a theater production earned \$60,000 of general operating support. Our capital campaign for the Gatehouse raised additional funds and completed the construction and renovation of the John Hay Program Room. At the dedication of this room in April, John Hay spoke eloquently about his parents' vision for this property. Our partners, the Society for the Preservation of NH Forests, and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, also participated, along with about 75 members and supporters.

Staff changes included saying good bye to long-time Rock Gardener Bunny van Valey in June, and to Michelle Landcastle for maternity leave in October. We hired Kate Jerome as Administrator in October. We have benefited from the expertise of several Newbury residents serving on the Friends Board of Directors: Joe Cronin (chair), Ron Williams, Fay Barden, Susan Mayer, and Dennis Pavlicek (ex-officio).

### Landscape Preservation

Our continuing work in rehabilitation of the gardens is generously supported by the Garden Conservancy. This year we were awarded their Preservation Fellowship, and welcomed Marion Murray for a year-long stay. She produced a landmark study of the vistas and woodland edges, drawing on historic maps, photographs, written and oral accounts, and on-the-ground tree sampling. With Fish & Wildlife Service approval, we plan to restore the vistas to their historic width, following the guidelines set forth in Marion's study.

*Potato fields at The Fells, circa 1900,  
John Hay National Wildlife Refuge collection*





A new planting of hardy roses and clematis, and an accompanying interpretive brochure, has transformed the Rose Terrace into an educational exhibit for gardeners in northern climates. Many smaller projects were completed, including restoration of the water system in the Rock Garden, rehabilitation of the blueberry plantings near the house and tennis court, and new raised beds and shade structures in the nursery.

### **Buildings**

The Friends made good use of the new 40-seat programming space at the Gatehouse for day camps, classes, and meetings. Over the winter, we added insulation, repaired the roof, and purchased a new burner for the furnace--all of which made this 1930s building a more comfortable place to work. The next phase of improvements, which we hope to complete in 2001, will include constructing a landscaped courtyard at the Gatehouse and re-painting the building.

Thanks to a federal appropriation of \$1 million several years ago, the Fish & Wildlife Service is expecting to make significant structural repairs to the Main House in 2001 that will address long-standing moisture problems. We are still working on negotiating an agreement that will permit the Friends to use the lakeside cottage for a seasonal residency program with visiting naturalists and writers.

### **Education and Interpretation**

This was a very full season of programs and services for our visitors and members. Rainy weather early in the summer led to fewer visitors than last year, but participation in education programs increased to about 700 people. One of the highlights of our season was "Remembering New Hampshire Landscapes: Connecting Writers and Readers," a series of five free public programs supported by a grant from the NH Humanities Council and co-sponsored with SPNHF, Colby-Sawyer College, and the NH Writers' Project.

*Sheep grooming The Fells lawn, circa 1901,  
John Hay National Wildlife Refuge collection*



The Fells again hosted the Montshire Museum/Lake Sunapee Protective Association day camps in July and August, and everyone here enjoyed the energy and enthusiasm of these young campers. We continued our series of free walks on Thursday afternoons, and co-hosted programs with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, the New England Wildflower Society, and the Northeast Heather Society.

Our indoor exhibits included a show of contemporary sculpture by Gayle Fichtinger of New London, and a reprise of Views of The Fells. Gifts to the collection included sixteen historic photographs of The Fells from the Cricenti family, horticultural books for our library, and a number of historic items from the Hay family. We also received tools and equipment for landscape maintenance, such as a golf-cart and snow-blower, that were most welcome. We joined the State Library system and began the process of cataloguing our books through their data base network.

### **Looking Ahead**

If all goes according to schedule, 2001 will be a banner year for construction projects. Repairs to the Main House should be completed by late June, and the Gatehouse courtyard and building repainting will be completed at about the same time. We also are awaiting Service approval for restoration of the vistas. If and when that approval is received, we will do careful tree-work to enlarge the vistas to about twice what they are now.

We have plans to create a new meadow trail and update the Forest Ecology Trail guidebook. As always, we will be building our program of garden rehabilitation, educational offerings in horticulture, history, and ecology, and maintaining the site for wildlife viewing and recreational enjoyment.

*Maggie Stier,  
Executive Director*

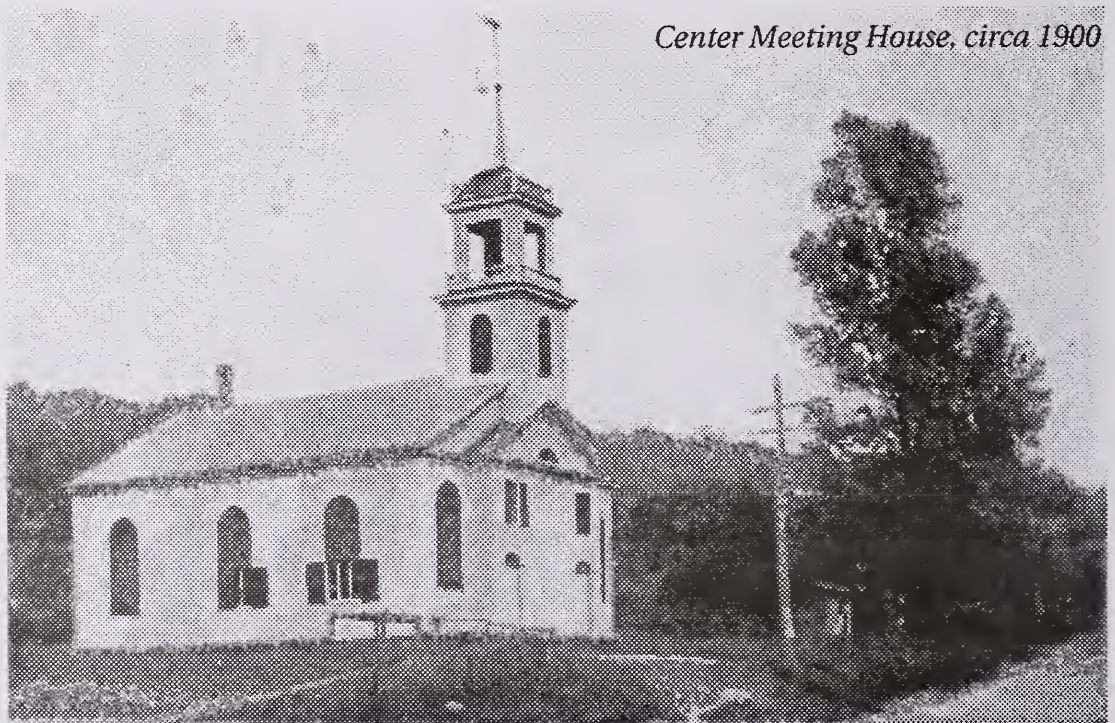


## CENTER MEETING HOUSE

The Center Meeting House stands at the crossroads of the town as it has since 1832. The original structure was erected on Old Province Road in 1795, but the shift in traffic along the lake prompted the town to move the post and beam framework of the Meeting House to its present location. At Town Meetings a vote would be taken each year "to see what sum the Town will raise to hire preaching in the Insuing year and to Choose a committee for this same." One year the sum was \$60 to be divided among the 4 or 5 congregations that used the Meeting House! In keeping with the New England tradition, the structure was the "meeting house," and the groups that used it were religious and secular.

In recent years the Center Meeting House has been open only in the summer for worship services and special events such as weddings, baptisms, bar/bat mitzvahs, and funerals. The lack of heat and plumbing severely restricts the additional uses of the building.

The Trustees have been developing plans that would enable the Center Meeting House to again become a common place of assembly year-round. This ambitious plan would lift the present building from its granite footings and construct a full ground-floor/basement with meeting space for community groups underneath. From the front the building would retain its present appearance. From the north side one would see a parking area and an entrance to the new facilities. This would complete the "community center" concept of the Library and the Town Offices.



*Center Meeting House, circa 1900*



The Trustees of the Center Meeting House are working with the Town of Newbury to apply for matching funds from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to underwrite the cost of this project. Under the best of conditions this would mean that only 25% of the project cost would need to be raised in cash from private and public sources.

As Dr. J. Duane Squires noted at Newbury's Bicentennial Celebration in 1978, his hope was that the Center Meeting House would survive "not merely as a relic, not just a kind of museum of the past, but as a healthy reality" in the lives of the people of Newbury. We are working toward making that dream come true in the next few years.

Trustees

*Alex Azodi*

*Gerry Bateman*

*Charles and Virginia Kennedy*

*Alice Lynn*

*Harold and Peg Messer*

*Randy Messer*

*Tracy and Lisa Messer*

*Charles Stark*

*Teddy Roosevelt & party arrive for area visit, 1902*





## **CEMETERY REPORT**

The first order of business this year was to complete survey work in order to make more burial plots available at the Lakeside and Marshall cemeteries. New spaces at Lakeside are primarily small cremation plots, while those at Marshall are family plots in the center section which were regraded and reseeded early this year.

The chairman attended several conferences this year investigating possible computer programs that might suit our needs for maintaining burial records and deed information. Following the NH Cemetery Association meeting in April and evaluating input from other trustees throughout the state, we concluded that rather than becoming involved with an expensive commercial program, we could develop our own database record-keeping system that would be adequate for our present needs. At this point we are approaching the half-way mark in getting all of the known data into our computer database.

As usual we were kept busy during the summer months with plot sales, funerals, and installations of stones as well as the many supervisory duties. The trustees continue to do whatever tasks they can in regard to monument care. A considerable effort this year was the installation of permanent ground markers in the new cemetery sections.

In September we used our remaining budget with trust fund moneys to have professional cleaning of the monuments in the old section of the Marshall cemetery. Our highway department assisted in providing water for the cleaning and specialists of Perry Monuments of Concord worked for several days to complete the project. We happily discovered epitaphs that we did not know existed and can at last read the names on the stones.

Historically speaking, Newbury began to have a board of trustees to manage cemetery affairs in 1987. Prior to that date, all matters were handled by either the selectmen or the town clerk. In 2001 we hope to complete compilation of data of cemetery records; we plan to finish stone restoration in the old Marshall; we begin cleaning of monuments in South Newbury; we complete the design development for the new Booth-Sherman Cemetery; we have several large stones repaired at the Bean Cemetery; and we promote citizen awareness of our cemeteries through the organization of a Friends of Newbury Cemeteries group.

Finally, we thank all those individuals who helped us in any way to perform the many duties relating to our cemeteries.

*Mary Bachelder, Chair*  
*Wilbert Willis*  
*William Annable*

*Gillingham Cemetery*





## KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

One of the critical activities of the School Board in the past year was the selection and hiring of a new Superintendent to replace Dr. Jean Richards who resigned. To accomplish this, the Board first conducted a series of meetings throughout the District to obtain the advice of parents, teachers, selectmen, citizens and administrators concerning the desired characteristics and talents of a new Superintendent. There was great unanimity on the specifications for the job. Based on this data, the Board conducted a nationwide search and appointed a search committee representing all stakeholders to screen the candidates. The search committee recommended three excellent finalists to the Board. After interviews and background checks, which included visits to the home districts of each candidate, the Board selected Tom Brennan, former Assistant Superintendent of the Manchester NH School District. Since arriving at Kearsarge, Tom has lived up to the high expectations held by the search committee and the Board. Thank you to all of the people who participated in the process.

The District continued its process of School Improvement Plans under which the teachers and administrators of each school develop focused plans to accomplish measurable gains in selected areas. Reading, writing, and math received emphasis in most of the schools with excellent results. We are particularly pleased that New London and Sutton Elementary schools ranked in the top 5% in the NH State Assessment Tests in language arts, and that Bradford Elementary ranked in the top 13% in math. The Middle School had an excellent year with substantial gains in all areas of focus. These gains were reflected in both the State Assessment Tests as well as in other methods of measurement.

*South Newbury School*



In addition to the focus on academic results, the Middle School included behavior improvement in its school improvement plan. The results have been impressive. A number of students have received formal leadership training and training in peer mediation. The student council has become more active and has sponsored several activities focusing on positive behavior. The number of bus misconducts decreased by about 75% and the number of detentions and discipline referrals decreased significantly. There has been a dramatic decrease in the number of fights on school grounds and physical conflict appears at the bottom of a list of concerns in a student and staff survey. However, teasing, bullying, and harassment are at the top of the list of student and staff concerns expressed in the survey so we still have work to do. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues remain high on the list of student concerns. In spite of the excellent efforts of a few citizens to mobilize attention to this problem in the community, too little is being done. This is not a problem that the schools can solve. It must receive community attention.

The increase in teacher turnover in the face of a statewide shortage of teachers is a growing concern of the Board. Over the past two years the District has lost forty teachers. The problem is particularly acute at the high school. It is essential in this environment that we maintain a salary schedule that will help attract and retain quality teachers. The Board addressed this issue in the most recent negotiation with the teachers and we urge voters to approve the proposed three-year contract.

Also on the warrant for decision in March is a proposal to establish public kindergarten in the District. Kearsarge is one of the few districts in the State that does not have a public kindergarten program. The number of students arriving at first grade who have not had the benefit of kindergarten is growing and the availability of private programs is decreasing. The Board believes that the advantages of a consistent kindergarten program, well coordinated with the elementary schools, and available to all is a very important objective. We recommend that the District take advantage of the substantial State financial incentives and urge the voters to approve the articles on the warrant.





Kearsarge has a good school system but it can only reach its potential with greater participation of parents and citizens. There are many opportunities to participate ranging from running for school board or budget committee, to volunteering in the schools, or just discussing with teachers and other parties how to improve results for kids. There are few things more important to a community than a good school system. Please be involved.

*Dean E. Bensley,  
Member from Newbury*

*Between the Mountains School, Craig School*



## **BRADFORD-NEWBURY KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL (BNKP)**

BNKP started their 30th year educating the children of Bradford and Newbury on September 5, 2000, at the Bradford Community Center, with nine children in our kindergarten and twelve in preschool. This year we have a child from Newbury whose parent attended BNKP many years ago. It is very rewarding to see that BNKP has educated one generation in a family, and is now educating the next. Over the years, we have had several teachers and aides in our program. For the last nine years, we have been fortunate enough to have Susan Kingsbury as our teacher and Maryse Conway for the past five years as our teacher's assistant. Under the guidance of these women, our children receive the first stepping stones on the path to their educational future. Throughout its history BNKP has relied on tuition, the support of the towns of Bradford and Newbury, and fundraising to keep its doors open to the youth of our community. This year we were fortunate enough to have the inspiration of one parent who led BNKP through one of its most successful fundraisers to date. Our Newbury Station Octoberfest and bake sale was an overwhelming success, thanks to our dedicated membership and the support of numerous businesses in the surrounding community. A special thanks to the Town of Newbury for allowing us to use their caboose as the backdrop for that fundraiser. If it were not for the support of the community and the Board of Selectmen in the Towns of Bradford and Newbury, we would be unable to continue to provide a quality Kindergarten and Preschool program to our children. For that, we thank you!

*Respectfully submitted,  
BNKP Board of Directors*



## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month to provide advice on conceptual projects, preliminary plans for subdivisions, lot line adjustments, property annexations, and site planning. Work sessions are also scheduled to review conditions, analyze trends, evaluate site investigations, and develop new or revised regulations to meet current and projected requirements. In response to property applications this year, the following hearings and actions were taken:

- Annexations and Lot Line Adjustments: Three preliminary reviews were conducted and seven annexations and lot line adjustments were approved.
- Conceptual Projects: Five projects were reviewed and guidance given on various aspects of each.
- Master Plan Reviews/Hearings: The five-year master plan for the Mt. Sunapee Resort and two subdivisions were presented at public hearings.
- Site Plan Reviews: Five preliminary reviews were conducted and three final public hearings were held.
- Subdivisions: Five preliminary or informal reviews were conducted and three final plans were approved at public hearings.
- Special Reviews, Investigations and/or Hearings were conducted in several sessions and multiple site investigations involving serious soil erosion and siltation incidents. These further involved coordination with the New Hampshire Site Specific Board and Wetlands Board. A soils erosion prevention and stabilization consultant was engaged to assist with regular site inspections and to provide reports to the Board and to the Board of Selectmen.
- Joint Boards Meeting: A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Planning Board was held in June to discuss and address future Town requirements and coordination between the Boards.

During the fall and early winter, the Board has held work sessions to address needed services, and to respond to citizens' concerns and suggestions. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were proposed, drafted, and discussed at public hearings to provide clarifications, correlation with other articles in the regulations, and to set standards for the control of communications towers (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) and protection of hillside scenic qualities and the rural character of the town. The proposed amendments include, in part:

- Shore Land Area or District: Requires erosion and sedimentation control plans before earth disturbance in the buffer zone.
- Personal Wireless Service Facilities: Sets controls and requirements on base facilities to be compatible with the visual and environmental features of the town.
- Skyline/Hillside Conservation Overlay District: Provides controls on clear cutting in forested hillsides to preserve scenic and aesthetic resources on ridges and hillsides of the town.

The Board recommends these amendments and hopes you will approve them at Town Meeting. Your observations, concerns, and recommendations during the year are welcomed at the monthly meetings in person or by letter. Your participation in hearings and meetings is encouraged and if you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact any member or the Board of Selectmen.

The Board members have contributed many hours during the year in the best interests and objectives of the town and their active participation is much appreciated. Please join me in extending your thanks to this dedicated team.

*Ron Williams, Chairman*

*Mrs. Jim 's Lunch Store & P.O., South Newbury*





## **UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit voluntary association of 27 communities in New Hampshire and 3 in Vermont, and has been serving the region since 1963. The principal focus of the Commission's efforts is with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic development, environmental protection, and social growth in the region. We function as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, we work to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies and projects are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community. Examples of these include the Regional Transportation Plan, the household hazardous waste collections, and ongoing water resource protection planning activities in the Mascoma River, Sugar River, Lake Sunapee, and Cold River watersheds. All NH communities were offered guidance with a program for lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners, and assistance compiling information on proposed conservation projects in preparation for application to the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As a foundation for the region's community and economic development activities, we began work this year on building a computerized database containing locations and other key information on major employers, childcare providers, and assisted housing, as well as general demographic information for each community.

In 2000, a few examples of our work specifically for the Town of Newbury included:

- Continued to provide Circuit Rider Planner services to Planning Board including assistance with current planning activities and proposals to amend the Zoning Ordinance.
- Coordinated with NH Department of Resources and Economic Development regarding public input into Mount Sunapee 5 Year Master Plan and provided comments on the plan.

- Provided the Kearsarge Regional School District's Facilities Planning Committee with building permit and demographic data to facilitate a better understanding of growth trends in the school district and surrounding region. Developed student entry and exit forms to track and improve understanding of the factors affecting the migration of students in and out of the school district.
- Organized and conducted a regional household hazardous waste collection serving 92 Newbury households.
- Provided copies of GIS maps illustrating trails and recreation areas, aquifers, rare species and natural communities.
- Supplied data for Conservation Commission Natural Resources Inventory.
- Compiled packet of information on wireless communications for Planning Board.

As state agencies and legislatures have recognized the ongoing importance of regional planning, we have received support from New Hampshire and Vermont, both to conduct specific tasks and, more importantly, to be available as a resource for our member communities. We have also enjoyed a close working relationship with the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Sullivan County Economic Development Council, and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and we anticipate a continued productive partnership.

Our Commission appreciates Newbury's participation and support, and we look forward to serving your community in the coming year.

*Sincerely,  
Benjamin D. Frost  
Executive Director*

*Open fields overlooking Lake Sunapee*





## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has had a somewhat turbulent year. The former Chairman and Co-chairman both resigned for business reasons. Four secretaries left for a variety of reasons. We have, at last, a secretary who has lived in the area for years and who is familiar with the various branches of town government.

Building activity in Newbury has increased dramatically over the years as more people realize the special qualities of our town and many long-time residents seek to improve their properties.

This Board expects to work closely with the Selectmen, Planning Board, LSPA, and with the towns of New London and Sunapee to constantly address our common concern for the greater Lake Sunapee area.

We are fortunate to have as full members: Del Harris, whose years of experience as Building Inspector, fairness, and sense of humor are invaluable; Bill Weiler, Planning Board member, whose new Appellant forms are designed to clear up many ambiguities which have existed and whose wisdom and guidance are key; and Katheryn Holmes, board member of the LSPA, whose views and commitment are of great benefit to us.

I want to thank every member and alternate member of this volunteer board. You have been wonderful to work with. And, I want everyone who comes before us to know that we take our job very seriously – no dimpled chads here.

Our work for the year included:

9 Special Exceptions granted, 5 with conditions

2 Variances granted

1 Variance changed to Special Exception, granted

2 Hearings for Appeals from Administrative Decision, granted

1 request for Rehearing, withdrawn

1 Special Exception, denied

2 hearings for Appeals from Administrative Decision, denied

There are no court cases pending.

*Betsy Soper, Chairperson*

*Del Harris*

*Katheryn Holmes*

*Bill Weiler*

*Henry Thomas*

*Suzanne Levine*

*Alex Azodi*

*Elizabethann Diekmann,*

*Recording Secretary*

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board, Town of Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Newbury management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the information discussed in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Newbury as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Newbury. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*GRZELAK AND COMPANY, PC., CPAs  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
April 13, 2000*



# TOWN OF NEWBURY COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

## DECEMBER 31, 2000

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUPS	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,140,102	\$131,978		\$209,541		1,481,621	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		7,523				7,523	
TAXES RECEIVABLE	372,055					372,055	
INVESTMENTS	711,387	16,926		454,688		1,183,001	
DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	3,659					3,659	
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,962	4,159				6,121	
AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS					514,440	514,440	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,229,165	\$160,586		\$664,229	\$514,440	\$3,568,420	
LIABILITIES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	MEMO ONLY	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$63,342					63,342	
DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,661,121					1,661,121	
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	352,259					352,259	
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	4,159	1,962				6,121	
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	71			70,163		70,234	
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS					178,624	178,624	
COMPENSATED ABSENCES					30,816	30,816	
LONG-TERM DEBT					305,000	305,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,080,952	\$1,962		\$70,163	\$514,440	\$2,667,517	
FUND EQUITY							
FUND BALANCE - RESERVED							
ENDOWMENTS				17,810		17,810	
FUND BALANCE - UNRESERVED							
UNDESIGNATED	148,213	158,624		576,256		883,093	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$148,213	\$158,624		\$594,066		\$900,903	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$2,229,165	\$160,586		\$664,229	\$514,440	\$3,568,420	

## INFORMATION BOOTH

The Information Booth at Newbury Harbor opened for the season on Memorial Day weekend. After school closings, hours were extended to include Thursday and Friday as well as weekends. In August, during the New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair at Mt. Sunapee Resort, the booth was open every day. We closed for the year on Columbus Day weekend.

This was the first season for the Bell Cove Caboose Museum and it was manned on approximately the same schedule. The caboose received rave reviews from visitors who were charmed with the memorabilia as well as the ability to blow the whistle and ring the bell. The old-fashioned crank telephone delighted the children.

Visitors from every part of the world stopped for area information. One young lady was from Mongolia. All of Europe and the Far East were well represented.

Area inns and motels were canvassed by the booth attendant to ensure that brochures for local attractions were kept on hand. The Mount Sunapee Resort was a steady subject of questions from visitors. Maps of regional roads and highways were popular, as were the local hiking trail maps. There were many telephone inquiries as well.

Beginning on Memorial Day, traffic was steady and visitors were constant. After school closings, more families came through looking for fun things to do with their children. Over the Fourth of July weekend, the State Park Beach had to close its gates in the early afternoon because there were no more parking spaces.

Many people asked about where on the lake to launch and/or register a boat. The Marine patrol visited often and kept us supplied with boating regulations to hand out.



Area businesses profited considerably from information they provided for us to hand out. Inns, motels, restaurants, boat launches, boat and bicycle rentals, swimming areas, campgrounds, and hiking information comprised the bulk of the inquiries.

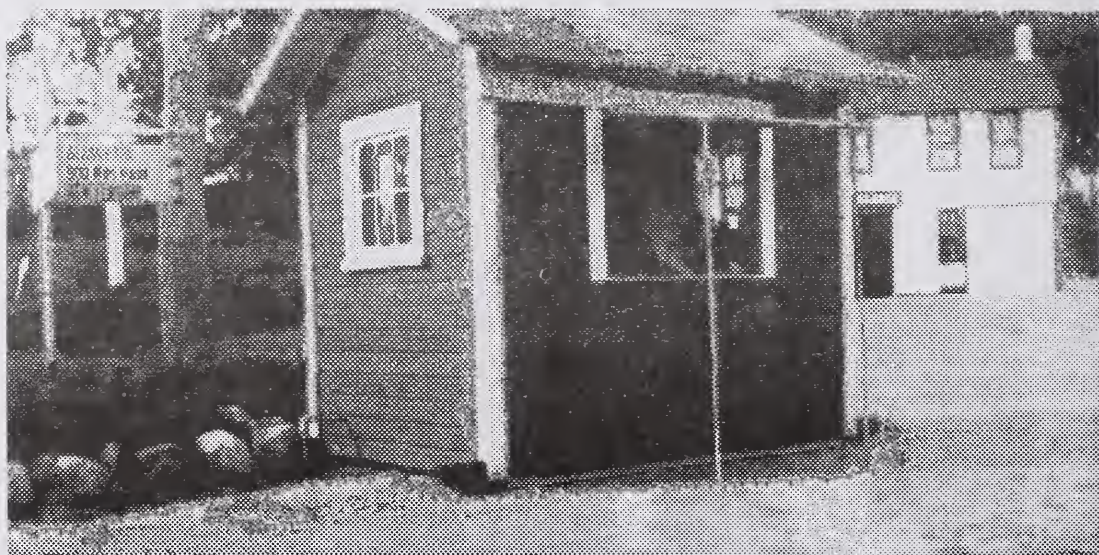
The picnic area at Bell Cove was very popular all summer and people were impressed with the beauty of the location and the fact that it was available to the public at no cost. Visitors were conscientious about keeping the area clean. The day the cruise ship came around our cove was memorable. In October, the Bradford-Newbury Kindergarten parents held a very successful Oktoberfest at Bell Cove. Pumpkins, scarecrows, food of all kinds, and costumed attendants created a festive atmosphere that attracted visitors all day.

We expect 2001 to continue the success and popularity of our information booth activity.

It is an attractive and welcoming introduction to this area for our many visitors.

*Martha and  
Michael von Redlich, Staffers*

*First Information Booth, corner Rte. 103 & 103A*



## **NEWBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2000 was a long and difficult year for a number of reasons. Our largest hurdle this past year was staffing. Over the past nine years we have been able to maintain some stability in the area of staffing. In 2000 one full-time officer resigned at the end of March and then in June Officer John Simonds, an eight-year veteran, resigned. Consequently in June of 2000 our full-time police department was reduced by two thirds. This in a year that we were seeing a record number of incidents.

To their credit, our part-time staff were able to step up and meet the demand for coverage. We also hired Bernie Sparks, a retired NH State Police Sergeant, as a part-time officer and he filled a lot of our open shifts as well as assisting with field training.

By the end of June we had hired two new full-time officers, Glen Drewniak and Jason Nickerson. As of this writing Officer Drewniak is in the New Hampshire Police Academy and doing well. Officer Nickerson has resigned and returned to military life. This, along with Officer Sparks now working full-time for the University of New Hampshire, has left us again very short on staffing.

The additional hours have been hard on our part-time staff. We are now searching for a full-time officer and are in the process of hiring or training two new part-time officers. In 1992 we attracted 42 candidates for one position in the Town of Newbury. In the fall of 2000 regional advertising for candidates generated less than 15 applicants. Finding the right people is a problem throughout the nation. If we attract the right people we need to do what we can to keep them.



Activity in the area continues to grow. One only needs to look at the traffic on Rt. 103 on almost any given day to see the effects of this activity. Looking beyond the traffic as a symptom, consider some of these factors: the number of building permits, proposed residential developments, the expansion and marketing of the Mt. Sunapee Resort, and the push for public access to Lake Sunapee, as just a few of the factors having a direct effect on the demands for safety services.

I would like to be able to tell you all about each and every one of the employees here at the department. They are some of the most dedicated people I have ever had the opportunity to work with. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank you, the citizen, for all your support.

*Respectfully Submitted, on behalf of the men and women  
of the Newbury Police Department.*

*James S. Valiquet  
Henry Thomas  
Glen Drewniak  
Phil Blaisdell  
David Seastrand  
E. Neill Cobb  
Bernie Sparks  
Carolyn Cassady  
Deborah Lacombe  
Matt McClay*

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape (Agg. Felonious Sexual Assault)	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	2	0	0	0	0
Assault, Aggravated	0	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	5	11	1	4	2
Arson	2	0	0	0	0
Burglary	7	3	7	11	5
Attempted Suicide	3	0	0	0	0
Thefts	80	54	37	63	63
Shoplifting	2	0	0	0	0
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1	2	0	0	1
Forgery	0	0	1	0	2
Fraud	7	5	4	11	4
Recovered Stolen Property	0	1	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	16	5	22	26	29
Discharge of Firearms	2	3	5	0	0
Illegal Possession of Firearm	1	0	0	0	0

Sexual Offenses	0	1	0	2	2
Drug Offenses	3	8	9	11	10
Family Offenses	1	3	1	1	1
Neglect	0	0	0	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	7	14	7	14	5
Liquor Violations	5	2	3	8	6
Public Intoxication/ safekeeping	4	3	25	9	32
Disorderly Conduct	3	10	3	1	3
False Public Alarm	0	2	1	0	1
Disturbance Fight	3	3	5	1	4
Domestic Dispute	1	5	7	12	8
Violation of Protective Order	1	0	0	0	0
Harassment By Phone	6	5	4	7	1
Noise Complaints	5	8	10	12	8
Unwanted Guest	0	0	1	7	1
Breach of the Peace	4	2	2	0	2
Fireworks Complaints	1	0	1	3	9
Resisting Arrest	1	0	1	1	0
Criminal Threatening	2	2	2	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>

Other Offenses (Non-Traffic)	0	5	0	2	0
OHRV Complaints	0	1	0	0	2
Paper Service	18	23	7	12	0
Trespassing	3	6	6	8	7
Warrant Service	4	2	2	2	0
Restraining Orders	5	2	7	8	1
Violation of Town Ordinance	1	1	26	0	1
Littering	3	2	0	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>

Juvenile Offenses					
Truancy	0	0	0	0	1
Incorrigible	0	1	2	0	2
Runaway	2	0	8	0	2
Other (Delinquency)	1	0	3	16	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>



**Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints**

Abandoned Motor Vehicles	16	30	8	11	9
Traffic Hazard	22	8	25	28	46
Parking Offenses	4	17	6	13	6
Motor Vehicle Lockout	0	4	5	6	4
All Other	3	35	25	33	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>

**Miscellaneous Calls**

Found Property	21	27	15	12	23
Hazard Non-motor vehicle	20	6	8	21	20
Lost Property	17	19	7	14	10
Lost or Stolen Plates	0	2	3	4	1
Missing Person (adult)	3	5	0	3	3
Missing Person (juvenile)	0	2	4	3	7
Probation/Parole Violation	1	0	0	0	0
Register Sex Offender	1	0	0	0	0
Police Information	76	52	54	81	63
Safekeeping	0	0	4	11	37
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	69	60	35	55	57
Other Miscellaneous Calls		119	59	71	102
Accidents					
Non-Motor Vehicle	5	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>323</b>

**Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Personal Injury	10	6	8	6	15
Property Damage Only	35	35	46	44	34
Hit and Run	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>

**Motor Vehicle Violations**

Summonses	132	115	104	142	207
Written Warnings	913	1274	943	974	856
Motor Vehicle Checks	10	12	20	11	25
Complaints	1	3	1	25	3
Felony Arrest	2	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Arrests	2	2	2	9	0
Operating After Suspension	1	0	0	0	0
Operating without					
License/2nd	0	5	1	0	7
Other Violations	5	0	0	0	0
Defective Equipment Tags	34	35	34	28	18

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>1446</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>1189</b>	<b>1116</b>
<b>Assists</b>					
Emergency Medical	8	20	55	62	57
Fire	64	51	24	18	35
Other Police Agency	129	114	142	129	93
Public	144	4	57	122	104
Town Office	3	0	0	0	0
Public Works	10	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>289</b>

### **Service**

Vacant House Check, request	102	74	17	80	88
Vacant House Check	265	32	86	273	110
Business Checks	750	349	64	100	855
Public Building Check	956	0	0	0	0
Unsecured Building	11	17	6	8	11
Pistol Permits	16	25	7	6	10
Brady Bill Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Lockouts	0	1	11	20	17
Escorts	0	3	0	21	0
Emergency Message	2	0	0	0	0
VIN Verification	1	0	0	2	0
Misc.	21	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1091</b>

### **Animal Complaints**

Dog Ordinance Violations	42	18	26	42	39
Dog Bite	3	5	1	3	2
All Other (dog)	30	57	25	24	44
Complaints (other than dogs)	11	11	8	15	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>106</b>

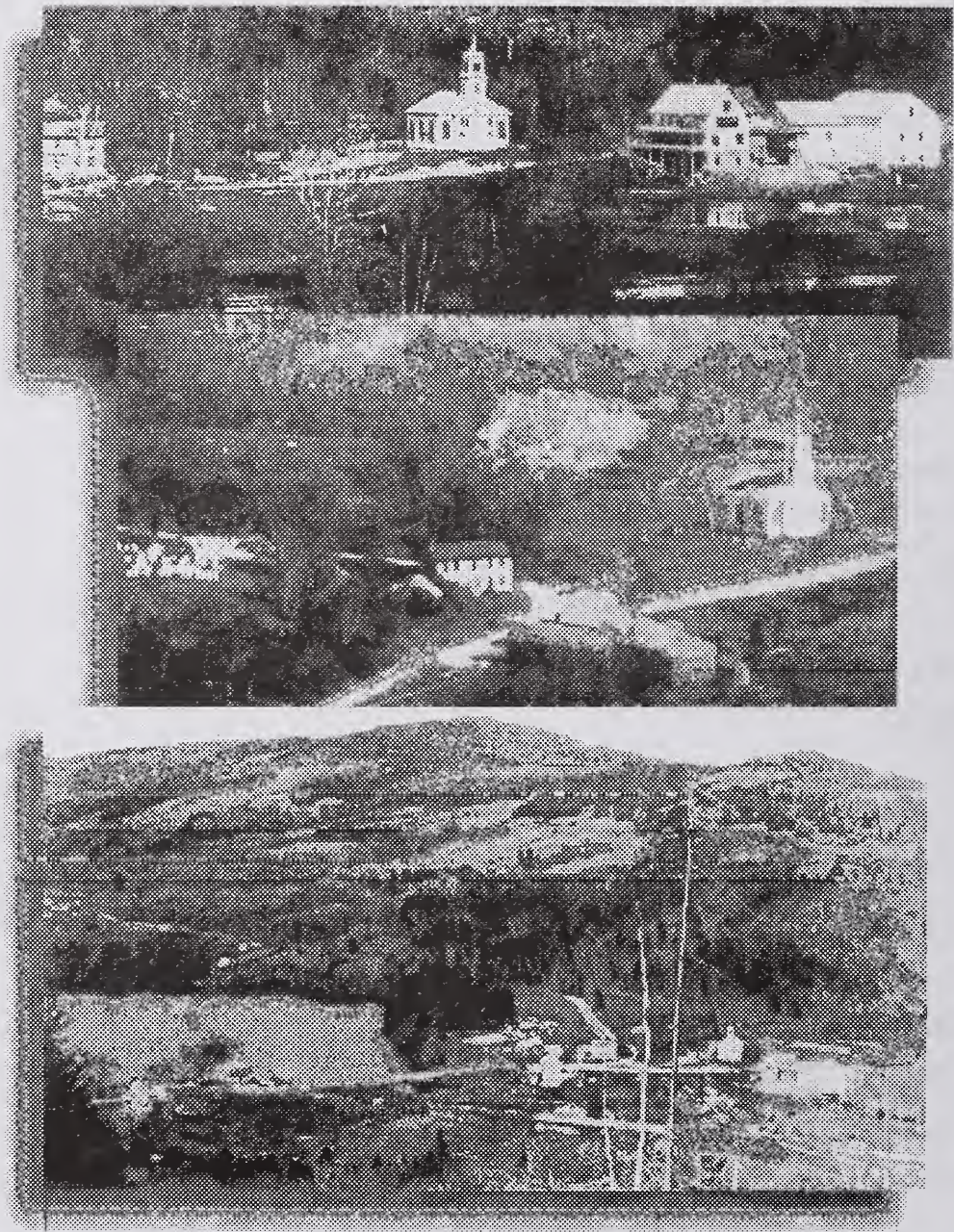
### **Alarms**

Commercial	37	26	28	13	24
Public Building	0	5	2	8	6
Residential	89	82	84	69	59
911 Responses	22	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>89</b>



Community Contacts	2	1	11	5	97
Untimely Death	1	0	1	1	4
Directed Patrol	5	29	19	93	129
Welfare Check	8	0	0	0	0

*Newbury Harbor & Cilley Tavern, (note open fields), circa 1900*





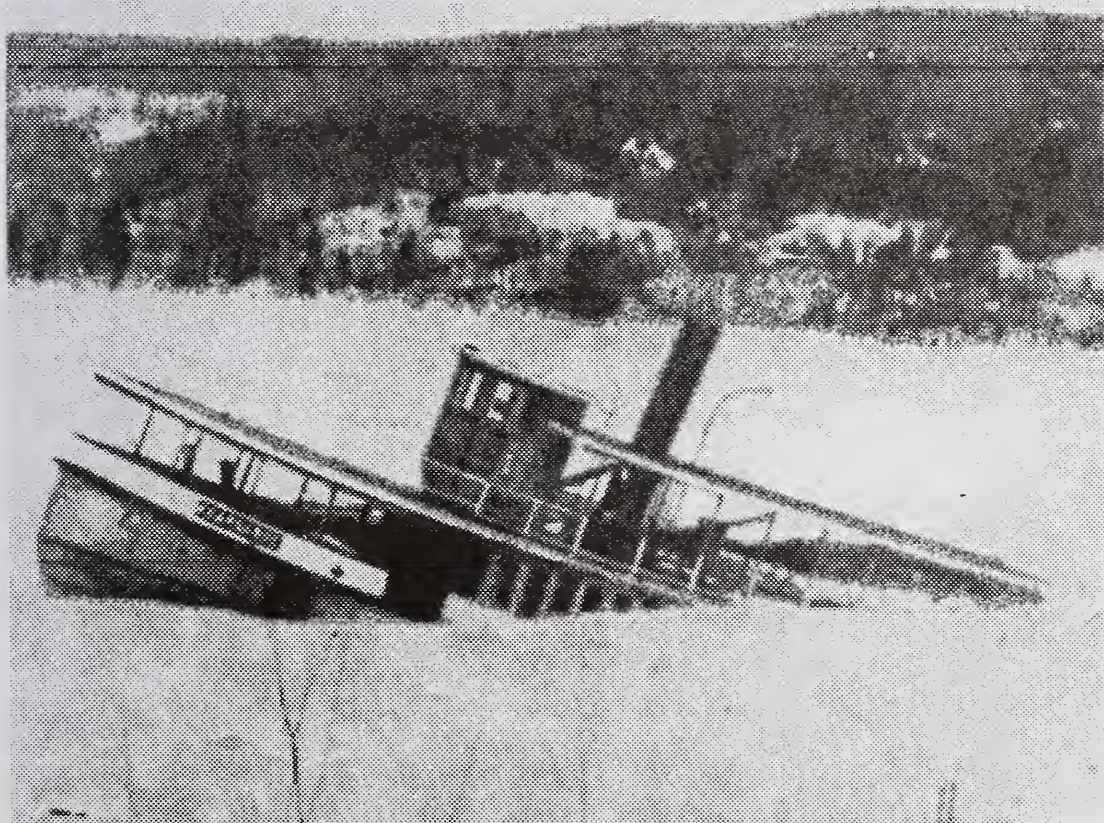
## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The year 2000 was much the same as the previous year. The town did not have any reason to activate the office of emergency management.

We hope that the town will remain free from any major emergencies during 2001. We will all be happy for another trouble-free year.

*Ed Thorson,  
Office of Emergency Management*

*End of the Kearsarge steamship*





## NEWBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were 120 emergency calls in 2000, down by 3 from 1999. These are detailed below.

The Department took delivery on the new fire truck on June 30th. The truck is numbered 83M3 and replaces the 1964 International which carried the same number. The new truck is a Freightliner with triple the water and double the pump size of the old International. The Freightliner carries 1500 gallons of water and has a 1500 gpm pump. The Freightliner is also equipped with a 30-gallon foam inductor. Mixing the foam with water maximizes the effect the water has on extinguishing fires.

The Newbury Fire Department now has 4,950 gallons of water on wheels to help suppress fires.

I would like to thank all members for their time and dedication and the townspeople for their continued cooperation.

*Henry E. Thomas, Jr., Fire Chief*

*The George Whedon home*



## Department Calls 2000

Auto Accident .....	14	Respiratory Problem .....	7
Boat Rescue .....	1	Laceration .....	2
Falls/Trauma .....	19	Stroke .....	3
Mutual Aid .....	5	Heat Related .....	0
Chimney Fires .....	4	Diabetic Emergency .....	2
Vehicle Fires .....	3	Emotional Problem .....	1
Fuel Spill .....	3	Natural Death .....	0
Cardiac Problems .....	8	Search & Rescue .....	2
Smoke/Odor Problems	5	Wires Down .....	3
False Alarm .....	12	Service Call .....	2
Brush Fire .....	2	Structure Fire .....	0
In-house Medical .....	22		
		<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>120</b>

### *Department Officers:*

Assistant Chief .....	David Smith
Captain .....	Kevin Walker
Lieutenant .....	Ken Burnell, Ed Thorson, Colin Nelson, Pam Drewniak
Clerk .....	James Drewniak
Treasurer .....	Robin Parkhurst
Communications .....	David Kinsman
Prevention .....	George Mellen
Medical .....	Pam Drewniak
Standing Committee .....	John Croteau, Jen Smith, Mike Mennino



## NEWBURY FOREST FIRE WARDEN

What a difference a year makes! It was not a good year for summer outdoor recreation, but it was really good for controlled burning and lack of forest fire incidents. Permits to burn were only shut off in late April and early May, between the snow being gone and the green-up. This happens every year, so burn your brush piles now while we have good snow cover or you will end up having to wait until later in the spring.

There were no major incidents this past year with permitted burns. Problems involve burning oversize material. Five-inch diameter is the maximum. This also pertains to stumps which are almost always greater than five inches. Permits do not allow for the burning of pressure-treated lumber. Remember that fires must be attended until they are completely extinguished. Please read the back of your permits or the regulation brochures which I have available for further requirements. And a reminder: all seasonal campfire permits expired on December 31, 2000 and must be renewed before burning after the snow has gone.

Thanks to my Deputy Wardens, Newbury Fire and Police, and the permit-issuing agents for their help. Special thanks go to the citizens who call to let me know that they will be burning even under snow cover, and to the people that report suspicious smoke or flame. I may not like getting up in the middle of the night, but it makes this a safer town. Thanks for your continued cooperation.

*David G. Smith, Newbury Warden (938-5925)*





## STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 11 Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. The Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violation of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call us at 271-2217.

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputies who assist the Forest Rangers with fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during 2000 was below average, but our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for prompt and effective suppression. Wild fires which occur in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are identified with street numbers.

The state of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

*Lake Station*





# 2000 Fire Statistics (reported through November 10, 2000)

## Fires Reported by County

Hillsborough .....	118
Rockingham .....	49
Merrimack .....	92
Belknap .....	54
Cheshire .....	41
Strafford .....	58
Carroll .....	46
Grafton .....	16
Sullivan .....	12
Coos .....	30
<b>Total Fires .....</b>	<b>516 (1301 in 1999)</b>
<b>Total Acres .....</b>	<b>149 (452 in 1999)</b>

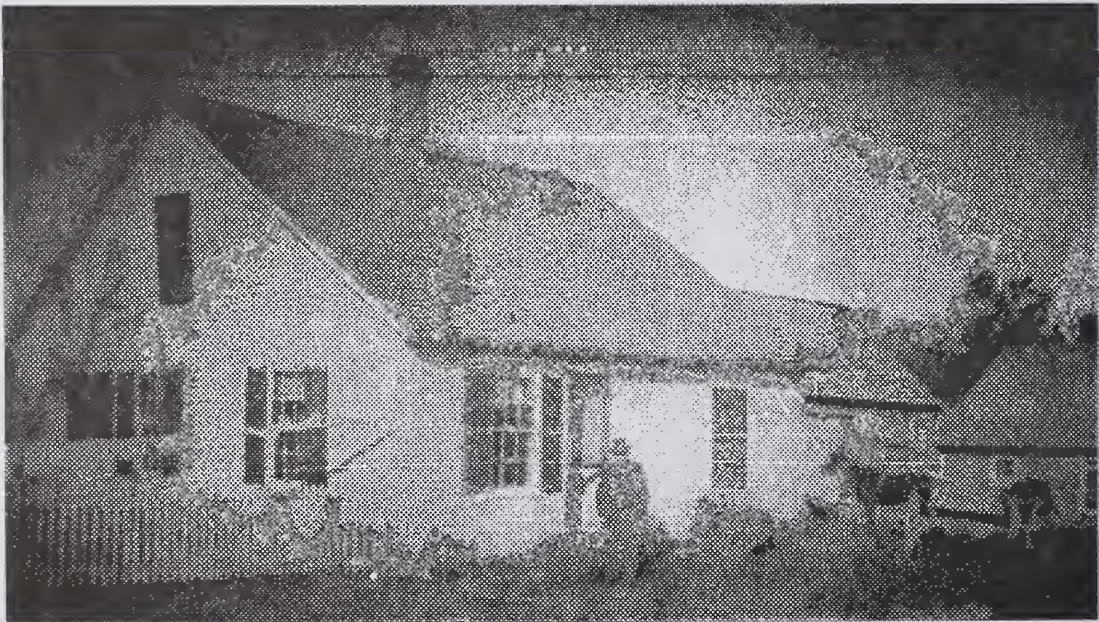
## Causes of Fires Reported

Smoking .....	30
Debris Burning .....	263
Campfire .....	16
Miscellaneous .....	151
Railroad .....	7
Equipment Use .....	9
Lighting .....	9
Children .....	17
Arson/Suspicious .....	14

Permits are available from myself, Dave Smith, or the H&H General Store. Please plan ahead to obtain a permit and call if you have questions about ANY outside burning.

*Douglas C. Miner, Forest Ranger*

*Civil War veteran Jason Perkins in front of his home*



# TOWN WARRANT

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - 2001

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13) day of March, next at One of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To vote on amendments to existing zoning ordinances.

The town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the White Star Function Hall on Route 103 in South Newbury.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,694,720 for general operations:

	2000	2001
1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE .....	\$101,370	\$108,581
2. ELECTION AND REGISTRATION .....	5,340	2,490
3. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION .....	61,009	66,346
4. LEGAL EXPENSE .....	12,000	25,000
5. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	133,075	165,600
6. PLANNING .....	10,205	10,750
7. ZONING .....	2,567	3,250
8. GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS .....	23,868	26,050
9. CEMETERIES .....	13,371	16,942
10. INSURANCE .....	24,100	28,298
11. REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS .....	2,841	2,993
12. TOWN REPORTS .....	4,200	3,800
13. POLICE DEPARTMENT .....	176,172	199,181
14. FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	46,388	51,868
15. FOREST FIRES .....	600	600
16. BUILDING INSPECTION .....	3,875	3,974
17. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT .....	100	100
18. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE .....	311,604	327,201
HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION .....	264,135	216,750
19. STREET LIGHTING .....	15,000	14,700
20. TRANSFER STATION .....	141,703	156,068
21. HEALTH AGENCIES, CAP .....	14,218	14,549



22. WELFARE .....	12,810	21,310
23. INFORMATION BOOTH .....	3,116	3,890
24. PARKS & RECREATION .....	20,075	25,673
25. LIBRARY .....	30,857	43,092
26. CONSERVATION COMMISSION .....	825	625
27. HISTORICAL SOCIETY .....	250	250
28. INTEREST-TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES .....	500	500
29. SEWER DEPARTMENT .....	53,803	56,290
30. BOND/NOTE PRINCIPAL & INTEREST .....	79,038	40,913
31. AMBULANCE DEDUCTIBLES .....	1,000	1,000
32. SAFETY COMMUNICATION SERVICES .....	19,756	21,141
33. CAPITAL OUTLAY .....	35,043	34,945
TOTALS .....	1,624,814	1,694,720

4. To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....	50,000
POLICE CRUISER .....	10,000
AMBULANCE .....	3,000
RECREATION FACILITY .....	5,000
REVALUATION .....	50,000

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

DOCKS .....	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS .....	5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT .....	4,000

7. To see if the town will vote to accept the donation of a parcel of land in Blodgett Landing denoted as tax map #16A, lot #214-517.

8. To see if the town will vote to accept the donation of a strip of land in the so-called Greenway trail system, the strip of land would be approximately a mile long by 100' wide and is part of the following parcels: map #39, lot #726-204 and map #40, lot #759-417.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to purchase land adjacent to the old town hall denoted as tax map #43, lot #520-254.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,635 for drainage improvements in the Chalk Pond area and for engineering studies on Gillingham Drive; said amount to be offset by grants to be received from DES in the same amount.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray legal expenditures incurred by the town with respect to issues arising out of the funding of education.

(Recommended by the Selectmen.)

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purchase of a one-ton truck with dump body and plow and authorize the withdrawal of \$33,000 from the Highway Equipment capital reserve, the balance of \$12,000 to come from the existing one-ton truck trade-in. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a one-ton pick-up truck and plow and authorize the withdrawal of \$33,000 from the Highway Equipment capital reserve, the balance of \$2,000 to come from the existing 3/4-ton pick-up truck trade in. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,500 for construction of an addition to the Safety Services Building. (Recommended by the Selectmen.)

15. To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) of Mountainside at Newbury Association. Subject to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By Petition.)

16. To see if the town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely a portion of the highway now known as the old New Hampshire Route 103, said highway having been reclassified to a Class V highway, pursuant to Part 10 of Chapter 90 of the Laws of 1942 as amended by Chapter 183 of the Laws of 1945, by letter dated November 10, 1952, from the New Hampshire Highway Department (now New Hampshire Department of Transportation) to the Selectmen of the Town of Newbury. Said complete discontinuance to be that portion of the old N.H. Route 103 laying easterly of the new N.H. Route 103 from Station 245+00 to Station 253+00 as depicted on the N.H.H.D. plan for project number F 47(2), F 72(2), F 128(3). (By Petition.)

17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the town's interest in the abandoned Route 103 roadbed abutting land of Kenneth Brown, Trustee (Tax map #50 lot #637-463) on such terms as the Selectmen may deem in the best interests of the town. (By Petition.)



18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a recreation revolving fund in accordance with RSA 35-B and to name the Parks & Recreation Committee as agents to expend. In accordance with RSA 35-B:II, with the creation of this recreation revolving fund, the money received from fees and charges shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance. The Treasurer of the Town of Newbury shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the Parks & Recreation Committee. These funds may only be expended for the purposes stated in RSA 35-B and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of, or create a liability upon, other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose. After creation of such Recreation Revolving Fund the monies in such fund shall not need further town meeting approval to be expended.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*James M. Powell, Chairman*

*David Kinsman*

*William Syvertsen*

*Shultis farm*



# BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NEWBURY, N.H.

## Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	\$101,370.00	\$100,641.00	\$108,581.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	5,340.00	5,737.00	2,490.00
Financial Administration	61,009.00	64,396.00	66,346.00
Legal Expense	22,000.00	21,526.00	35,000.00
Personnel Administration	133,075.00	134,458.00	165,600.00
Planning & Zoning	12,772.00	13,924.00	14,000.00
General Government Buildings	23,868.00	24,406.00	26,050.00
Cemeteries	13,371.00	13,469.00	16,942.00
Insurance	24,100.00	23,827.00	28,298.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,841.00	2,841.00	2,993.00
Other General Government	4,200.00	3,729.00	3,800.00
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	176,172.00	176,637.00	199,181.00
Ambulance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Fire Department	46,988.00	40,907.00	52,468.00
Building Inspection	3,875.00	3,537.00	3,974.00
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	100.00
Other Public Safety (including Communications)	19,756.00	17,799.00	21,141.00
<b>Highways and Streets</b>			
Administration	575,739.00	549,340.00	543,951.00
Street Lighting	15,000.00	14,507.00	14,700.00
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Administration	54,203.00	57,191.00	61,318.00
Solid Waste Disposal	86,000.00	95,202.00	93,250.00
Solid Waste Recycling	1,500.00	3,175.00	1,500.00
<b>Health</b>			
Health Agencies and Hospitals	14,218.00	13,574.00	14,549.00
<b>Welfare</b>			
Direct Assistance	12,810.00	26,877.00	21,310.00



Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
Parks and Recreation	20,075.00	21,289.00	25,673.00
Library	30,857.00	30,857.00	43,092.00
Other Culture and Recreation	3,366.00	3,001.00	4,140.00
<b>Conservation</b>			
Purchases of Natural Resources	825.00	825.00	625.00
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal, Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	65,000.00	65,000.00	30,000.00
Interest, Long-Term			
Bonds and Notes	14,038.00	14,038.00	10,913.00
Interest on TAN	500.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Land & Improvements	22,517.00	22,563.00	68,952.00
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	222,462.00	188,612.00	98,628.00
Buildings			92,500.00
Improvements			
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
To Special Revenue Fund	53,803.00	48,462.00	56,290.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	103,000.00	103,000.00	128,000.00
To Expendable Trust Funds	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$1,959,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,917,347.00</b>	<b>\$2,069,855.00</b>

### SOURCE OF REVENUE

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$17,014.00	\$30,000.00
Yield Taxes	15,000.00	25,335.00	25,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,000.00	16,152.00	20,000.00
Other Taxes	7,500.00	12,283.00	12,500.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	45,000.00	28,044.00	45,000.00
Excavation Activity Tax	13,500.00	7,684.00	13,500.00
<b>Licenses, Permits and Fees</b>			
Business Licenses and Permits	6,000.00	5,528.00	8,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	275,000.00	295,690.00	310,000.00
Building Permits	8,500.00	7,979.00	8,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,000.00	2,435.00	2,000.00

Purpose of Appropriation RSA 32:3,v	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>From State</b>			
Shared Revenue	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	32,000.00	40,837.00	43,000.00
Highway Block Grant	75,500.00	75,500.00	81,372.00
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,215.00	1,250.00
Other	7,000.00	6,578.00	36,635.00
From Other Governments	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income from Departments	25,000.00	25,008.00	30,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	25,000.00	50,800.00	39,000.00
Interest on Investments	38,000.00	63,508.00	65,000.00
Other	15,000.00	24,792.00	15,000.00
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	53,803.00	53,803.00	56,290.00
Capital Reserve Fund	197,226.00	164,186.00	66,000.00
Cemetery	1,500.00	1,591.00	1,600.00
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Long-Term Bonds & Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00
"Surplus"	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>\$940,529.00</b>	<b>\$937,962.00</b>	<b>\$961,147.00</b>
		Year 2000	Year 2001
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		\$1,959,750.00	\$2,069,855.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues		940,529.00	961,147.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised		\$1,019,221.00	\$1,108,708.00



## BRADFORD RESCUE SQUAD

In 2000, Bradford Rescue Squad responded to 130 calls in the towns of Bradford, Sutton, Newbury and Warner. The Squad is currently made up of 26 volunteers, 19 from Bradford, 3 from Sutton, 1 from Warner, and 3 from Newbury.

We accepted with regret the resignations of John Simonds, Rick and Kate Bailey, and Jen Morris, with our sincere thanks for their many years of service to the community. We are fortunate to have new members Joyce Thorman, Jack Meaney, Chuck and Bobbi Johnsen, and Steve Manley. It was a pleasure to welcome back Carl Olson and Trish Goldberg.

Although our roster looks strong with 26 members, we currently have 13 available to staff the ambulance nights (3-person teams 6pm-6am) and 6-8 available during daytime hours. Most of those staffing the ambulance during the day also cover 1 night each week as well as every 5th weekend. Three members are on call for 2 nights each week. It is through the dedication of each member that Bradford Rescue continues to operate.

Over the past year we have been engaging in discussion with surrounding towns regarding the critical shortage of available volunteers. The problem is not unique to Bradford. We have not yet found the perfect solution but have taken some steps to provide you with the best care possible. New London Hospital and New London Ambulance have stepped forward to help with covering some of the Sutton and Newbury area, which Bradford once covered. In December, Bradford Rescue Squad made a commitment to provide coverage to the town through 2001. During the year, we will continue to meet and address the coverage issue. Unfortunately, the solutions are neither inexpensive nor easy. As always, we continue to work closely with Newbury Fast, Sutton Rescue and Warner Fire and Rescue.

If you have ever considered doing what we do, and would like to learn important skills, now is the time to join up! You will gain insight and information which you will use for a lifetime as well as make a meaningful contribution to your town.

*Mountain House*



Our thanks to local businesses who allow employees to respond to daytime calls. Without their support, daytime coverage would be difficult, if not impossible.

Once again, our sincere thanks to the families who remember us with memorial donations when a loved one dies, and to the townspeople for your continued financial support. It is because of you that we are able to train our members and supply our ambulance.

Please post your house number clearly. Many precious minutes have been taken up trying to find homes without numbers.

As always, in case of emergency, dial 911.

*Best wishes for a healthy and safe year.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Beth Fenton, Captain*

### **Bradford Rescue Squad Roster 2000**

Mike Dunn, EMT I

Jim MacNab, EMT

Bruce Edwards, EMT

Steve Manley, Driver

Peter Fenton, First Responder

Brian Meyer, EMT

LeeAnn Freire, EMT

John Niederriter, Driver

Mark Goldberg, EMT

Carl Olson, First Responder Pending

Trish Goldberg, Driver

Jim Powell, EMT

Chuck Goodale, EMT

Joyce Thorman, EMT I

Chuck Johnsen, First Responder Pending

Felicia Starr, EMT

Bobbi Johnsen, EMT Pending

Preston Starr, EMT I

Jim Valiquet, EMT

### **Officers**

Mary Beth Fenton, EMT, Captain

Alan McCartney, EMT - P, Training

Dick Vitale, Driver, Lieutenant

Jack Meaney, Driver, Maintenance

Linda Powell, EMT, Secretary

Tony Sullivan, EMT, Supplies

Sue Vitale, EMT, Treasurer



## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The year 2000 (Y2K) was a busy one for our area builders and related tradespeople. Ninety-nine building permits were issued and as usual they covered a variety of projects.

It is common to issue one permit for several different projects, such as: house, garage, deck, etc. Therefore, my list of what was done far exceeds the 99 permits issued. Because I did not explain this last year, a number of people commented about my faulty addition! It shows, however, that some people are reading the Town Report in depth – a good thing!

Following is the breakdown of projects the permits were issued for:

25 new houses and 1 four-unit condo	
25 decks	1 pump house
24 garages	1 boat house (rebuilt)
23 additions/alterations	1 bulkhead
12 sheds	1 ski lift
11 porches	1 stone wall
2 pools	1 dock piers
2 barns	1 maintenance building

As you can see, some of the permits were for unusual projects and involved working with the selectmen and/or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

*Fireboat, Newbury Harbor  
(courtesy of Catherine Dunmire)*



A reminder -- Newbury's building regulations require a permit for any structure, including large or small sheds. Lack of permits for these structures has been a common violation in the past. If you have questions about the regulations or codes, please call me (number below).

Looking back over the past 100 years, old town reports tell me that Newbury's population in 1900 was 421, dropping to 333 in 1920 and rising to 509 in 1971. We're now at about 1,700 for a year-round population. Our building ordinance was adopted in March 1970 by a vote of 119 for and 63 against. Although the regulations have been expanded and amended over the years, the original draft remains in our current ordinance almost unchanged for 30 years. The folks who drafted it did a great job! One notable change, however, is Article 9 which says that no building permit fee will be charged! In 2000, the town received \$8,097.77 in permit fees.

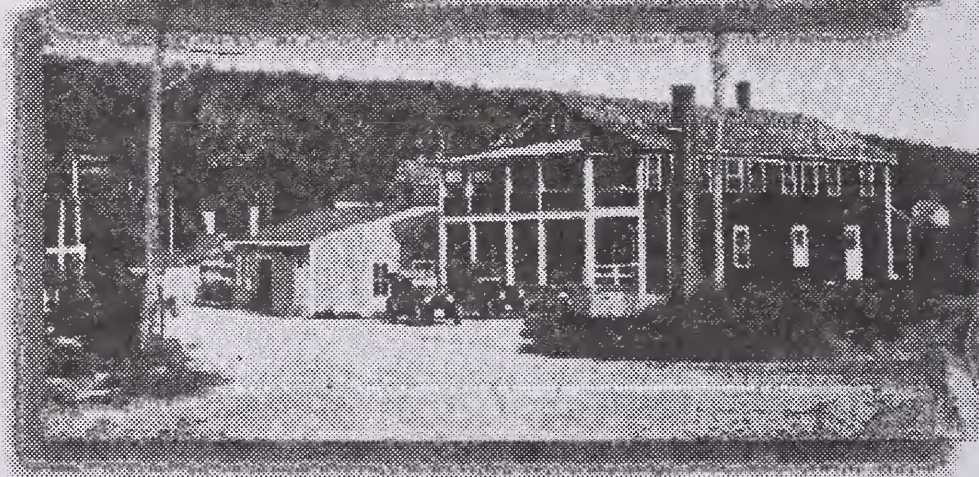
As in the past, building permits are issued Wednesday evening by appointment. If this is a hardship, I've been known to be flexible. After obtaining your approved application from the selectmen, please call me at home at 938-5481. Evenings are the best time to reach me.

It has been a pleasure working with the town office crew and the various tradespeople during the past year. I'm taking this opportunity to say thank you and have a healthy and prosperous 2001!

*Del Harris, Building Inspector*



*South Newbury Union Church*  
*Fowler Brothers ' Shop*  
*Trading Post*





## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2000 was another busy year for the Highway Department. Along with the usual functions of the department including snow and ice control, grading, etc., we worked on many other endeavors.

The reconstruction of Bowles Road was completed. One thousand, three hundred and forty-two tons of hot mix were used to shim and level Village Road, Sleepy Street, and Gillingham Drive. Approximately 16 miles of town roads were ditched and shoulders were reclaimed. Due to the extremely wet summer, only about half of Cheney Road was re-graveled. We have the material on hand and as soon as weather permits, we will be completing that project. This will keep us on schedule with the Highway Department's five-year road plan.

The first mile of Chalk Pond Road was reclaimed, including the removal of boulders and replacement of failing culverts. Numerous other culverts were replaced around town and several areas of past icing problems were addressed.

Andrew Brook and Ring Brook were restored to their original course where they meet just before the bridge at Sutton Road. This should help stop any further erosion and deposits of sediment in this area.

*Snow roller, Newbury Center*





Our new grader arrived in June. John Deere was the low bidder at \$141,950. This price was \$33,047 less than the budgetary bid which remained in the Capital Reserve Fund.

It's interesting to note in this new century year that the percent of tax dollars dedicated to the Highway Department was 27.7 in 1900, and in the year 2000, it is 10.1 percent.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Highway Department staff for their dedication and the town residents for their support of our projects.

*Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator*

*Snow roller, Blodgetts: Forest Folsom & George Russell*



## TRANSFER STATION

It was appropriate that we entered the new century with a new facility at the Transfer Station which is operating smoothly and handling the needs of an ever-increasing number of residents. Despite increase in use, the actual amounts of materials for disposal have diminished, thus reducing our trucking fees. This is in large part due to our continuing recycling efforts. We can do even better with everyone's cooperation. Please remember these simple steps:

- Break down cardboard boxes
- Separate tin and aluminum cans and put them in the appropriate barrels which are marked for each type
- Paper goods (newspaper, cereal boxes, brown bags, etc.) should be tied in bundles or put in a brown paper bag for disposal. Please DO NOT remove them from the paper bag when you put them in the receptacle.

Disposal of household waste materials was much simpler 100 years ago. Goods and merchandise did not come wrapped in cardboard or plastic. Grocery wrapping paper was burned at home, and drinks were supplied in reusable glass bottles. Recycling of household materials was an individual effort in the early 1900s.

We sold several home composting bins in 2000 which have helped with individual recycling of household waste. These plastic bins are still available at a price of \$30.

The Transfer Station acquired an important new piece of equipment in 2000 – a Bobcat loader which is making our job easier and more efficient. The Bobcat was acquired by means of a very favorable trade-in on old equipment plus a grant from New Hampshire the Beautiful.

Our Hazardous Waste Day held in Newbury in 2000 was the largest collection ever. We'll keep you posted about this event for 2001.

In 2001, we are looking forward to the installation of toilet facilities in the new building. This will be most welcome, since our more primitive facility has blown down in recent wind storms!

We appreciate the cooperation of Newbury residents in obtaining stickers for their vehicles and in making good use of vouchers for disposal of many items. Your help makes our jobs easier and keeps Newbury clean and litter-free.

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator  
Will Willis, Assistant*



## BLODGETT SEWER TREATMENT FACILITY

The year 2000 was quite uneventful at the Blodgett Sewer facility. In this case, no news is good news!

The new garage building is working out very well for the storage of town supplies and equipment. A work area is being designed in the building. Some new tools, such as a rototiller, were purchased for the upkeep of the grounds. A new air compressor has been installed at the Crofts Beach station, and we hope to install a daily flow meter in 2001.

The treatment plant continues to run smoothly. It has been in place since the mid-1900s and is the only one of its kind still in service in the state. By design it is a simple, inexpensive system which has given the town reliable service over the years. It's a great improvement over 100 years ago, when sewer systems were non-existent and there was no room for septic systems on the small lots at Blodgett Landing. Residents made use of privies, and this led to inevitable pollution of the lake. We are not sorry to see those days disappear!

Thanks for your continued support.

*Tim Mulder, Chief Operator*

*Dock, Newbury Harbor  
(courtesy of Catherine Dunmire)*





## **PRIVATE WELL USERS!**

### **Have you had your well tested recently?**

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well?

The following contaminants, some naturally occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

**Arsenic**

**Bacteria**

**Fluoride**

**Nitrate**

**Radium**

**Radon**

**Sodium**

**Uranium**

**Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)**



### **Where can you learn more about this?**

For further information, please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services' web site at [www.des.state.nh.us/wseb](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wseb), then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.



## **KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2000**

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (KCOA) is a non-profit organization which was founded eight years ago in 1992 with the mission of providing services and programs for area citizens over the age of 55 (and adults under 55 who through disability may need assistance) which enhance the quality of their lives. Our service area includes the towns of: Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot.

This has been an eventful year for KCOA. We have worked, under a mandate from the State which would like to keep elders out of expensive nursing homes, to become a satellite ServiceLink to the main centers established in two counties, Merrimack and Sullivan. Where other senior centers are just beginning to organize, we are already providing almost all of the services mandated by the state. Our transportation program, which boasts over 125 volunteer drivers and logged 22,000 miles in 2000, is a model for other senior centers in the state. Other services we offer, such as Telephone Reassurance, Friendly Visitor, Mr. Fixit, along with our position as a provider of Resource and information are well developed and filling an ever-increasing need. We are presently working on developing another service, providing legal advice to seniors on a pro bono basis. 2000 has also been the year for strategic planning. A committee of directors and members has been meeting monthly to finalize a KCOA Strategic Plan which will be formalized early in 2001.

*Blodgett Lodge, Blodgett 's Landing*



Social programs are a necessity for everyone, but particularly for older people. Some of those offered at the KCOA Center on Main Street in New London are: Bridge (contract, duplicate and bridge for beginners), Photography, Quilting, Painting, "In Stitches," Greeting Card Making, Scrabble and Dominoes, Chair Exercises and Tai Chi. Our computer instruction classes are ever popular, and our six computers are now equipped for e-mail. They are available for member use outside of regular instruction time. Such programs, along with the monthly Conversations With Lunch and the Humanities Series (which this year was "No, But I Saw the Movie"), prove that seniors not only like to socialize, but to learn as well. Trips, which vary from race track to museum, have become very popular. Members, donors and others keep up with KCOA's many activities through the monthly eight-page newsletter, The Courier, 1400 copies of which are disseminated each month.

KCOA's Outdoor Recreation For Seniors is another model program which gets 30-40 seniors outdoors for exercise once a week, be it snowshoeing or hiking, skiing or kayaking. We also offer indoor walking in winter, where participants keep track of their mileage.

Our Administrative Director, Nancy Friese, became our Executive Director this year and has been hard at work developing relationships with other centers, getting ready for our national accreditation and "tending to business" which she does so well. Our members know that they have a ready source of information and a sympathetic ear in Nancy.

We are most grateful for the continuing financial support from our nine area towns, donors to our annual fund drive, foundation grants, the sponsors of our newsletter and individual clients. Thank you all for your generosity! You will be receiving an Annual Report edition of the Courier early in February with more detailed information than is possible here.

*Sincerely yours,  
Judy and Hugh Chapin  
Co-Chairmen, Board of Directors*



## FAMILY SERVICES

In 2000 Newbury provided assistance to ten families. Recipients included not only the elderly, but also families with small children.

Community support for those less fortunate continues to be overwhelming. I would like to thank the South Newbury Union Church and the Healing Springs Church for their joint effort again this year in putting together the food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We distributed nine baskets this year. Special thanks go to those individuals at the South Newbury Union Church for the extra help they provided getting the baskets organized and put together. Without their help, I wouldn't have been able to manage.

The townspeople continue to be most generous with donations towards goods to supplement the holiday baskets, and I appreciate their kindness.

We also thank a group of people who wish to remain anonymous for their holiday gifts for a Newbury family. With their help, the family enjoyed a Christmas morning full of happiness and good cheer.

If anyone has concerns or questions, please contact me. Meantime, thanks again to all for your continued support!

*Debra Johnson,  
Family Services Director*

*Grange Fair, South Newbury*





## **LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND AFFILIATES**

It seems that everywhere we look we see or read something about technology and its impact on our lives. Increasingly we communicate, shop, investigate and learn online. During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has invested resources and time to educate staff so that we can use technology to its best advantage in caring for patients in their homes. Since so much of what we do involves the healing touch you might wonder why we would invest so heavily in technology. Our mission at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is to provide home health services that will preserve the dignity and independence of those for whom we provide care. Technology is one tool that supports that mission.

Over the past year, we have spent a great deal of time preparing for a change in Medicare reimbursement going from a cost-reimburse system to a prospective payment system (PPS). This is the first major change to Medicare since it was initiated in 1965. Under PPS each patient must receive a comprehensive assessment called OASIS, a questionnaire involving over 100 questions about the patient's clinical status, functional status and need for therapy. From those questions, a payment for an episode of care lasting up to 60 days is determined. One of our major concerns was to ensure that we provided technology that would allow the nurses and therapists to collect this information, but have the time needed to actually provide care to the patient. Over the summer, all clinicians have been trained and received laptop computers. This allows the staff access to the most up-to-date information on each patient and allows administration to have the data necessary for regulatory and reporting purposes.

*South Newbury Union Church Christmas party, early 1900s*





We have also invested in state-of-the-art technology or contracted with other providers to bring the latest in clinical advances to your home. As patients leave the hospital more quickly or have operative procedures done on an outpatient basis, more technology is needed in the home. This technology enhances patient care, improves efficiency and lowers costs. Technology can allow a terminally ill child to be at home with his family or can allow an adult needing intravenous therapy to continue going to work.

During the past year we have also invested in training and in competency assessment for our staff to ensure that their assessment and treatment skills are of the highest quality to meet patient needs. We have specialists on staff in the areas of cardiology, wound care, diabetes, pediatrics and hospice. All of our clinical staff and the support staff back at the office are committed to achieving the best outcome for each and every patient we see. We are gratified by the strong community support we receive and by the comments on our care submitted by patients and families.

In fulfilling its mission, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association provided a number of community benefits for residents of Merrimack and Sullivan counties in addition to charity care in excess of \$75,000.

- Administered the Lifeline Personal Response System for 208 individuals
- Provided weekly Parent Child Support Group sessions for 40 families, including free child care and transportation, if needed
- Presented community education programs on CPR, first aid, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Caregiver Training and others
- Trained 10 new Hospice Volunteers and provided continuing education for 16 established volunteers
- Participated in community health fairs
- Provided clinical experiences for 12 nursing students and special project sites and internships for nursing, business and social work students
- Provided meeting room space for outside groups
- Distributed weather emergency information and File of Life kits to each patient admitted to LSRVNA services
- Provided medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children
- Provided storage space and distributed food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry

- Offered job shadowing opportunities for students from local high schools, technical schools, colleges and universities
- Participated on the Merrimack and Sullivan County ServiceLink advisory boards
- Provided vaccines free or at cost to adults in the community
- Promoted early reading by providing a children's book to each child delivered at New London Hospital
- Provided bereavement support groups and home visits

During the past year 209 residents of the town of Newbury utilized the services of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. Our Home Care program provided 1083 visits to 41 patients. The Hospice program cared for 4 patients and families providing 244 visits and 28 hours of volunteer and bereavement support. Our Pediatric programs cared for 23 children and families. The Long-term Care program provided 3407 hours of care to 18 patients. Influenza vaccine was administered to 121 residents and Lifeline services provided for 2 residents.

All of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA thank you for your support, and look forward to providing home health, hospice and community services for the residents of Newbury in the coming year.

*Andrea Steel*  
*President and CEO*



# COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

## Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Over the past twenty-two years, the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program has been the focal point of social service delivery in this area, providing help when needed to the income eligible and elderly, as well as to the community at large.

As perhaps you are aware, Community Action Program Belknap Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local Area Center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. This combination allows the Kearsarge Valley Community Action Program to provide a variety of services to the residents of your community, from the development of programs which meet local needs, to outreach, referral and direct assistance.

I have attached a detailed summary which provides a brief description of our programs and the number of Newbury residents who participated in them.

The staff of the Kearsarge Valley Area Center wish to thank you and the Town of Newbury for your support in the past. With your continued interest, we will be able to continue to provide needed services to the members of your community.

*Barbara Chellis,  
Area Director, Kearsarge Valley Area Center*

*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cheney*



## Services Provided to Newbury Residents in 2000

Service	Units Service	Households or Persons	Total Value
<b>CONGREGATE MEALS:</b>			
all elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/senior centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events.			
Value \$5.99 per meal.	340 Meals	57 Persons	\$2,036.60
<b>EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES:</b>			
provide up to three days of food for people facing temporary food crisis.			
Value \$3.00 per meal.	40 Meals	4 Persons	\$120.00
<b>FUEL ASSISTANCE:</b>			
available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.			
The average benefit for the '99-'00 program was \$616.00.			
	15 Applications	50 Individuals	\$9,805.00
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>			
provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites.			
Value \$5.72 per ridership.	66 Rides	2 Persons	\$377.52
<b>MEALS-ON-WHEELS:</b>			
provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week.			
Value \$6.10 per meal.	927 Meals	24 Persons	\$5,654.70
<b>WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN:</b>			
provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education.			
Value includes cost of vouchers and clinical services at \$41.10 per unit.			
	82 Vouchers	7 Persons	\$3,370.20
<b>USDA COMMODITY SURPLUS:</b>			
foods are now distributed directly to local food pantries and kitchens on a quarterly basis. These pantries and soup kitchens service all in need, not just town residents.			
	8 Cases		\$134.59



**HEAD START:**

is a child development program serving children before they enter public school. Classroom and in-home learning services are provided for both children and their families. Value \$6,638 per child.

1 Child	\$6,638.00
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**GRAND TOTAL:** **\$28,136.61**

**INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:**

CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

*Mr. & Mrs. Weston Cheney*



## **NEW LONDON HOSPITAL**

2000 was a dynamic year for New London Hospital, filled with many accomplishments. As part of our commitment to providing the finest health care services for our region, we listen to what you say you want when it comes to your health. We have continued our progress in transforming ourselves into a responsive health care system that is truly unusual for a community of our size. As we begin this first year of the new millennium, New London Hospital is poised to reach its vision of becoming the best community health care system in the Northeast.

We know we cannot expect to accomplish our vision alone, and therefore, we have set a course to recruit additional highly skilled medical professionals to join our already fine medical staff. It is important to us that you have access to medical care when you need it without having to travel out of the community. Therefore, this year we are recruiting physicians in internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN and anesthesiology. We are also working on strengthening our relationships with visiting specialists, particularly in the areas of orthopaedics, neurology, gastroenterology and cardiology. We are committed to recruiting the highest caliber physicians, no matter what their specialty.

In order to attract these fine providers, we recognize that we must continue our investment in securing and maintaining state-of-the-art equipment and facilities and providing ongoing education necessary for our staff to keep abreast of the latest technology and treatments. This year, we have purchased a new mammography machine, bone densitometry unit, monitoring equipment for our intensive care unit and a variety of surgical equipment, including state-of-the-art arthroscopic, cataract and anesthesia equipment. In addition to these investments in technology, we are committed to improving the quality and efficiency of the care and services we provide.

We have introduced a number of innovative programs, such as an osteoporosis screening, prevention and treatment program, a state-of-the-art incontinence care program and a diabetes education program, and will continue to design new services to meet the changing health care needs of the community. We are proud of our staffs' dedication and commitment to patient satisfaction. Over the course of this past year, every employee has taken part in our customer service initiatives, so that we can provide you with the level of service you expect from a first-class community hospital.

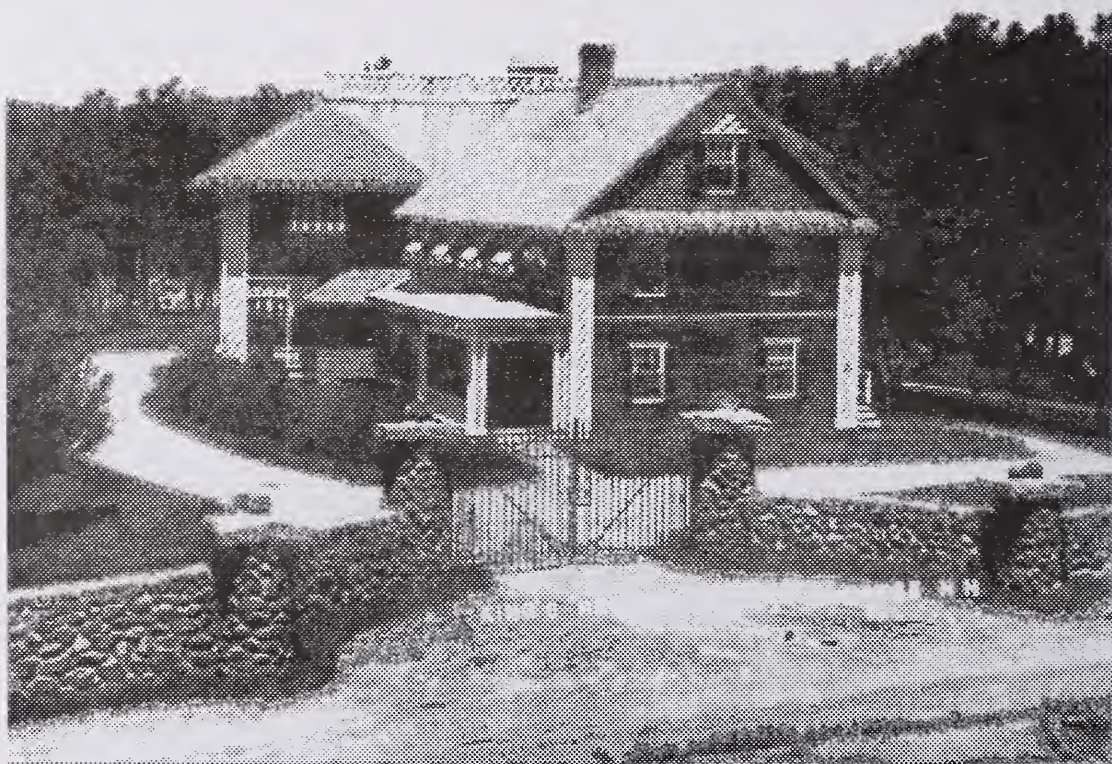


We are committed to providing this high-quality care and service despite the fiscal challenges we face. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 resulted in significant reductions in health care spending at the national level, and commercial insurers (e.g., Blue Cross, Cigna) continue to reduce their reimbursement to hospitals. All small, rural hospitals have been impacted by these changes. The financial results we are reporting for this past year are, to a large extent, the result of these reductions. While we admit that these are difficult hurdles that force us to find new ways to deliver care more efficiently, we are also excited about opportunities provided by technologic advances and the nature of how and where services are being delivered.

As we move forward into the year 2001, New London Hospital remains committed to meeting the health care needs of the communities we serve, while at the same time, moving steadily forward toward achieving our vision.

*Maureen A. McNamara  
President and CEO  
New London Hospital*

*Lakewood Manor*





## UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low-income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. This year, Extension expanded its public outreach with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769).

Extension staff provides education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving their land as open space. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. A Community

*Grange Fair in front of the Town Hall*





Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then form action groups to reach those goals. In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently participates in a monthly radio program on WKXL providing information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at [ceinfo.unh.edu](http://ceinfo.unh.edu). Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after-school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

*Ladies walking the Newbury Cut*



## **TOWN MEETING - MARCH 14, 2000**

Moderator Marashio called the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Voting on Article 1 and Article 2 began in ballot form.

### **Business Meeting - March 15, 2000**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked anyone who is a registered voter to check in with the ballot clerks at the front of the room to pickup a voter's card. She explained that if any voter disagrees with the Moderator's decision, it is the right of the voters to overrule the moderator by majority vote. Moderator Marashio read the voting results from the March 14, 2000 election.

#### **Office of Selectman - 3 Years**

David Kinsman - 185

Armen Tarbassian - 38

Richard Wright - 95

#### **Moderator - 2 Years**

Nancy Marashio - 306

#### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector - 3 Years**

Linda Champy - 336

#### **Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 Years**

Dan Wolf - 3 write-in votes

Jim Therrien - 3 write-in votes

#### **Library Trustee - 3 Years**

Paula Falkowski - 299

#### **Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years**

Mary P. Bachelder - 305

#### **Planning Board - 3 Years (vote for two)**

Gary Budd - 230

Todd McIntire - 110

J. Ronald Williams - 124

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years**

Delbert Harris - 24 write-in votes

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment - 1 Year**

Delbert Harris - 4 write-in votes

#### **Zoning Amendment No. 1**

Yes - 215

No - 103

#### **Zoning Amendment No. 2**

Yes - 242

No - 71

#### **Zoning Amendment No. 3**

Yes - 240

No - 84



**Kearsarge Regional School District Ballot - Newbury Results**

**School Board - 3 Years**

Dean Bensley - 270

**Budget Committee - 3 Years**

Dan Wolf - 289

**District Moderator - 1 Year**

Alf Jacobson - 256

**ARTICLE 3** - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,624,814 for the general operations:

	1999	2000
1. Executive Office	\$99,487	\$101,370
2. Election and Registration	1,950	5,340
3. Financial Administration	59,732	61,009
4. Legal Expense	12,000	12,000
5. Personnel Administration	124,100	133,075
6. Planning	10,214	10,205
7. Zoning	2,536	2,567
8. General Government Buildings	23,464	23,868
9. Cemeteries	11,271	13,371
10. Insurance	31,000	24,100
11. Regional Associations	2,549	2,841
12. Town Reports	3,700	4,200
13. Police Department	173,854	176,172
14. Fire Department	46,380	46,388
15. Forest Fires	600	600
16. Building Inspection	3,550	3,875
17. Office of Emergency Management	100	100
18. Highway Maintenance	348,821	311,604
Highway Reconstruction	223,000	264,135
19. Street Lighting	15,200	15,000
20. Transfer Station	141,665	141,703
21. Health Agencies, CAP	10,511	14,218
22. Welfare	9,410	12,810
23. Information Booth	2,800	3,116
24. Parks & Recreation	18,945	20,075
25. Library	19,980	30,857
26. Conservation Commission	825	825
27. Historical Society	250	250
28. Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	500	500
29. Sewer Department	53,346	53,803
30. Bond/Note Principal & Interest	83,002	79,038
31. Ambulance Deductibles	1,000	1,000
32. Safety Communication Services	19,613	19,756
33. Capital Outlay	34,944	35,043
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,590,299</b>	<b>1,624,814</b>

Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that the overall budget increased only 2.2%.

Brenda Digilio asked if the Ambulance Deductibles will be available to all residents now that Bradford is changing its structure and may no longer be a volunteer service.

Selectman Powell explained that if it becomes necessary, the appropriate changes can be made. But for now, it is just for those served by the New London Ambulance.

Jim Myles commented that not everyone has the opportunity to get to the Town Office for details on the figures. It would be appreciated if details could be provided in writing for those interested.

Selectman Powell explained that there is ample time for people to view the details of the figures in the budget. The figures are available anytime at the Office and also are discussed in public forum at the budget review hearings.

Lisa Patch asked what is the standing on the traffic mirror that was supposed to have been mounted last year at the end of Old County Road South for traffic safety near the Golf Course. Where will that money come from?

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, said that it will come out of the Highway budget if necessary because it pertains to road safety.

Ms. Digilio explained that the Golf Course agreed to pay for and mount the mirror, then they changed their minds and wanted to give the money to the Town to cover the costs of the Town purchasing and mounting the mirror. Does the Town need to vote on a warrant article to accept money from the Baker Hill Golf Club for the purchase and mounting of this mirror?

Mr. Pavlicek commented that if the Baker Hill Golf Club does not take care of the purchase and mounting of the mirror, then the Town will do so for the sake of traffic safety.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 3 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 4** - To hear the reports of the town officers, agents and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto.

Motion to accept Article 4 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Linda Powell, member of the Bradford Rescue Squad, encouraged people to think about volunteering for the Rescue Squad or the Newbury FAST Squad. Both organizations are short of volunteers, and the necessary training will be provided.



VOTE: All in favor. Article 4 passed as read.

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,000 for the following existing capital reserve funds. (Recommended by the selectmen).

FIRE DEPARTMENT .....	\$10,000
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....	\$50,000
POLICE CRUISER.....	\$10,000
AMBULANCE .....	\$ 3,000
RECREATION FACILITY .....	\$ 5,000
REVALUATION .....	\$25,000

Motion to accept Article 5 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained that all of these items are the same as last year with an increase in the revaluation fund to cover the projected costs for 2004 or 2005.

Mark Burch asked to address line item 13 in Article 3 due to the pay scale of the Police Department and other safety services. Studies comparing the pay rates to other area towns show Newbury very low on the scale.

Steve Winter explained that in order to take up Article 3 now that it has been voted on, the meeting needs to pass a motion to suspend the rules of the meeting by a 2/3 vote, followed by another motion to reconsider Article 3.

Mr. Winter asked why this issue wasn't addressed earlier during budget proposals.

Police Chief Valiquet said that it was brought to the Board of Selectmen at budget time. It is difficult to hold onto the full-time officers because they are inclined to move onto better paying Towns. Therefore, we have to depend on the part-time help to support the full-time slots.

Liz Tentarelli commented that she did not like the idea of reopening the budget or any article due to the dangers of reopening and changing a majority vote.

Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen reviews salaries on a regular basis and oversees the vacations and benefits. The police department also receives on-call time through the night whether they are called out or not. He said the board feels we are paying fair wages based on the market. The Board of Selectmen had agreed to review the salaries after Town Meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules to go back to reopen Article 3.

VOTE: Majority against. Motion failed. Article 3 will not be reopened.

No further discussion on Article 5.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

DOCKS .....	\$3,000
TOWN BUILDINGS .....	\$5,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT .....	\$4,000

Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Kinsman explained that there were some increases; docks are up \$2,000 and Town Equipment is up \$1,000. These increases were recommended by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to purchase a new All Wheel Drive Motor Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of \$175,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to furthermore appoint the selectmen as agents to expend and to dispose of the existing grader. (The total cost of the grader is \$195,000; the town will receive \$20,000 for the trade-in.) (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the old grader is 19 years old with 7,747 hours of work on it. There have been quotes received from three companies, Caterpillar, Galion, and John Deere.

Elizabeth McGann asked for clarification regarding the price.

Selectman Powell agreed that the wording of the articles can be confusing, but it is recommended by the State of N.H., Department of Revenue Administration. What this means is that there is money in the Capital Reserve Fund for this grader. The Board is just looking for approval from the Townspeople to withdraw the money to buy the grader.

Josh Perkins asked if this grader will be completely outfitted with all the necessary accessories for road maintenance.

Mr. Prussman assured Mr. Perkins it will be complete.

Rob Messer commented that through his personal experience, Caterpillar and John Deere are better pieces of equipment than the Galion.



Selectman Powell explained that the Board of Selectmen will work with the Highway Administrator to research all three pieces of equipment thoroughly and take the lowest price without compromising the quality.

Wayne Seaholm commented that he was previously employed on the Highway Department and felt the current grader is not safe for the necessary road work.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 7 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,236 to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of \$22,236 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded.

Chief Valiquet explained that the Police Department has three officers full time, with one on duty at all times. The 1993 Ford Crown Vic has 165,000 miles and is in its seventh year of use. It is beginning to incur major repair costs. It is time to replace it and get back on the track of a two-year rotation for vehicles, which will give us 6 years out of each cruiser.

Brenda Digilio acknowledged the 1998 cruiser was in an accident, therefore the purchase of a 1999 was necessary. Where did the money come from to purchase the 1999?

Chief Valiquet explained that the 1998 was parked in his driveway and was crushed by falling trees from the neighboring property. There was no negligence on the neighbor's part, therefore, the Town's insurance on the 1998 covered the cost of the 1999. The 1999 is a Chevrolet Lumina, 6 cylinder, hopefully better on gas.

Beverly Wolf asked if Chief Valiquet has considered the purchase of a four-wheel drive.

Chief Valiquet explained that the Police Department has a 1977 Dodge Pickup that was purchased from the U.S. Government which goes over rough terrain quite nicely. Response time has never been delayed due to the lack of a four-wheel drive. If it becomes an issue, consideration will be addressed immediately.

Mr. Bachelder called the question.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

Harry Seidel made a motion to move Article 15 to before Article 9. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Seidel explained that he will be speaking to Article 15 and it is quite lengthy with some detail. He thought it would be best to take it early before everyone grows tired.

Rob Messer commented that all of the articles are important and we should keep on track.

VOTE: Majority opposed. Motion to move to Article 15 failed.

**ARTICLE 9:** Polling hours in the Town of Newbury are now seven a.m. to seven p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours so that the polls shall open at eleven a.m. and close at eight p.m. for all regular state elections beginning the next state election after passage?

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Doris Newell, Inspector of Election, explained that currently, the Election Officials start at 7:00 a.m. with voting which means they need to begin setting up at 6:00 a.m. Some voting days, the only ones who vote that early are the workers. Those who have been there early have said 11:00 would be fine if we stay open until 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 9 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to retain ownership of a certain tract of land, Map/lot# 28-284-148. Said land not to be disposed of unless agreed upon at a future town meeting.

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Bill Weiler, Conservation Commission Member, spoke to the article. This parcel was taken for taxes. It is located just North of Chalk Pond, next to the Audubon land. The Conservation Commission would like to protect it and keep it in harmony with the surrounding area.

Jack Iacopino asked if there were any conservation easements being considered.

Mr. Weiler explained that in a previous instance such as this, the Conservation Commission asked that the Town place it under Conservation Commission Trusteeship. The Town voted to allow that article, therefore we are proceeding with the same action.

Bob Messenger asked what the Conservation Commission plans to do with this property other than remove it from the tax rolls.

Mr. Weiler explained that it is a 7-acre piece. The Conservation Commission's intention is to keep it wild. It is in a swampy area and the taxable value of the parcel is less than \$10,000.

Steve Winter asked if this vote will have any impact on neighboring properties.



Mr. Weiler said he cannot speak to that question.

Linda Powell asked if there is a shortage of wetlands in Newbury, what is so different about this parcel.

Mr. Weiler explained that it is adjacent to land already under protection, this creates a continuum.

Bob Messenger asked if this property can be used as an access to all residents of Newbury for a variety of recreational purposes.

Mr. Weiler said yes, there is a 50'-wide strip of land that leads into the back area of this piece.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 10 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources.

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded.

Peter Newbern, Conservation Commission Chair, explained that this is a non-binding resolution to support the State's historic, natural, and cultural resources. The State will help pay for certain projects that may arise in the future. It does not require a monetary commitment at this point. It just shows our decision to consider supporting the protection of our historic, natural, and cultural resources.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that he felt that resolutions such as these encourage the State to grow more, and he would like to see the State grow less.

Linda Powell asked Mr. Newbern to elaborate on the word "fund".

Mr. Newbern explained that if a project arises in Newbury, the Town would have to pay 40% and the State would pay 60% of costs.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that if the State pays, we pay. The State's budget has doubled in a short time and it needs to slow down.

Katheryn Holmes commented that New Hampshire is already the fastest-growing State in population and development, and we need to protect what we have.

Dan Wolf commented that there are many things that we appreciate, and we need to protect them. We need to send a message to Concord that Newbury believes in protecting and preserving our heritage.

Dean Bensley explained that this is patterned after the Land Conservation Investment Program. All administrative costs are paid for by private funds. The State money is used to acquire property only. Private monies fund the research also. If you want to protect your heritage, you should vote for this.

Linda Powell commented that the LCIP helped purchase the Wild Goose Property. She suggested instead of duplicating programs, we should do it ourselves and not ask for the State to do it. We are the State when it comes to paying taxes, but you are not the State when it comes to making decisions.

Bill Weiler commented that people should support this themselves in Concord. Not everyone in town may be in favor of this article, and we should not send that message.

VOTE: 64 in favor, 53 opposed. Article 11 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray legal expenditures incurred by the town with respect to issues arising out of funding education. ("Special Warrant Article") (Recommended by the selectmen.)

Motion to adopt Article 12 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Powell explained that there are two groups of towns to oppose the State Education Tax. There is also another case in Hillsborough involving the Conval school which is asking for the appropriation formula for cooperative school districts to be deemed unconstitutional and to determine the school portion of taxes to be based on value only, not student enrollment. This issue will impact us far more than the Claremont suit. The Hillsborough case may need to go to the Supreme Court, and we would like to be prepared to defend Newbury. If the money is not needed for the legal expenses in this specific case, then it will return to the town funds and be used to offset property taxes.

Mr. Bensley made a motion to amend Article 12 to add the following clause: Such funds to be committed only after a public hearing.

Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bensley explained that he agrees with the Board of Selectmen. This issue is a critical and decisive one and it will be with us for a while. The Conval case reopens old wounds. It affects taxes and educational quality. It is very important for the Board of Selectmen to notify us, via public hearing, of their decision for action.



Selectman Powell commented that this motion, if approved, may hamper the Selectboard's ability to respond quickly. We have a contract with the other towns in our district which can be modified by a legislature or court. We think we need to protest that. A public hearing would be redundant.

Mr. Bachelder commented that on an issue such as this, the Board of Selectmen needs to act fast. Members of the public can always attend the regular meetings of the Selectmen if they are concerned.

VOTE: Majority opposed to amend Article 12. Motion did not pass.

Bryan Ames, student, commented that he believes that the feeling of the general student body is to maintain quality of education; so please do whatever you feel is necessary to assure that.

Mr. Powell clarified that the money asked for in this article is for the Conval case ONLY.

Brian Bostic asked what the Board of Selectmen's view is on the Claremont lawsuit.

Moderator Marashio asked for that question to be addressed in Article 17 in order to stay on track.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 12 was adopted as read.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for the purpose of purchasing a computer system for the police department.

Motion to adopt Article 13 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Chief Valiquet explained that the Police Department needs to update its computer abilities. The system that is being considered is a mirrored file server system; as the data is saved onto a hard drive, it will automatically be saved to another with a tape and CD back up. This system will also allow for a third workstation and allow more than one user to access the network within the department.

Brenda Digilio asked why the money for this system is not taken out of Town Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, explained that when the article for town office equipment was prepared, there was no mention of the Police Department in the article. Therefore, money from that fund cannot be expended to the Police Department.

Jim Myles asked for some details on the proposed system.

Chief Valiquet explained in addition to the previous description, it will also include a monitor, processor, key board, licensing of software. It will be used for maintaining records and data, preparing reports to meet State and Federal regulations. It will allow the department to be better informed and receive emergency data from other departments and agencies.

Nancy Dickermann asked if this system can be built upon and how long will it be before it is obsolete.

Chief Valiquet said he is hoping for a 5-year life, which is pretty long for a computer. It will be modular, so if one component needs to be replaced, it can be done without having to replace the whole system.

Pam Drewniak commented that the Fire Department will also be able to use certain aspects of the data. It will be an asset to the Fire Department, too.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 13 was adopted as read.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will vote to accept Winding Brook Road (1.3 miles) of Mountainside at Newbury Association. Subject to approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By petition.)

Motion to adopt Article 14 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Rob Messer, representing Mountainside at Newbury Association, explained that there are six full-time homes on Winding Brook Road. It was built in 1988 and is ready to be accepted. The road is not paved and will not be unless required. The first spur of the road is topped with crushed gravel, and the second spur is grandfathered and therefore does not need to be paved.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that he observed 6 houses in the first 7/10ths of a mile then the plowing stopped, and 6/10ths of a mile was not plowed. The condition of the road under those circumstances is hard to evaluate. He asked why the petitioners are asking for the whole road to be paved when the last 6/10ths is not being used.

Mr. Messer explained that it is a loop and there is no one there at this time but there will be in the future, and they did not want to finish the road unless it is under consideration for acceptance.

Mr. Bensley asked what the Highway Administrator recommends.

Mr. Prussman explained that before he can recommend accepting any road, he needs to see the reports of core pits and samples, and assessment of ditches and culverts needs to be made.



Josh Perkins commented that he sympathizes with the residents of Winding Brook Road. However, the Town passed road specifications that require all new roads to be paved.

Linda Powell asked what kind of protection does the Town get with "subject to approval"?

Selectman Powell explained to the best of their ability, using the highway department's resources, digging test pits, analyzing culverts, ditches, direction of water flow, they make the best decision they can. We would not accept it unless it is brought up to proper specifications.

Steve Winter asked if the Town passed an article that we would only accept paved roads? If so, then why are we accepting this one now?

Dennis Pavlicek commented that one Town Meeting cannot bind another Town Meeting. It was only advisory at that time.

Rob Messer explained that the road was already started and houses completed before the paving issue was discussed.

Dick Wright explained that the subdivision regulations contain road specifications. The part of the road that was built prior to the subdivision road specs is grandfathered; that portion that was built after 1986 is subject to paving.

VOTE: 45 in favor, 60 opposed. Article 14 did not pass.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the town will vote to approve the Fishersfield Master Plan, dated February 8, 2000, prepared by the Fishersfield Land Use Committee; and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200 to seek Wetlands Board approval of the Fishersfield Master Plan.

Motion to adopt Article 15 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Harry Seidel, representing the Fishersfield Land Use Committee, explained that in 1999 the Town authorized \$25,000 to be spent for obtaining facts, boundary survey, topographical information, delineating wetlands, natural features, etc. The Committee, upon receiving bids, chose Bristol, Sweet & Associates to compile the information. Mr. Seidel presented a map of the property which includes all of the information requested. According to the report, there are a lot of wetlands on the property such as vernal pools, wet pockets, perennial and intermittent streams. The site-specific soil areas also indicated wetlands which are very important and should be enhanced and/or protected. The Environmental Study indicates possible uses. This study noted the area is full of natural wildlife such as moose, deer, raccoons, etc. The most significant issue is the access to the property. The more an access is developed, the more destruction of the natural features. There are areas where buildings, fields, roads, etc. could be constructed with minimal disturbance. The study also recognized the great educational value in

shrubs, herbs, birds, etc. The feasible and recommended uses are composting, recreation, and a Town Forest. Not feasible uses were Sand and Gravel, a Highway Department, a School or a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Not recommended were a Water Supply Area, Highway Department Storage Area, Transfer Station Auxiliary, or a Community Center. Based upon the study and recommendations, a conceptual master plan was prepared in order to complete a Wetlands Board application. It includes a proposed conceptual plan for the development of athletic fields and a gravel road for access, areas for parking, tennis courts, composting area, a nature center, trails for hiking and walking. There are some trails existing that need some clearing and widening for walking and/or snowshoeing. The conceptual plan was prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Wetlands Board. They will not consider a proposal unless they have the full picture, they will not work in phases in order to determine that there will be no future impact of wetland.

Selectman Powell addressed an article in a local newspaper regarding the Fishersfield Property and wanted to clarify that the townspeople have not approved the land for recreational purposes at this time. The Board of Selectmen asked the committee to conduct a study and come back to the Town to see what it could be used for. Mr. Powell commented that he felt this issue needs to be discussed further and that preparing a plan is premature at this time. He stated that the Town of Newbury is not lacking for trails and natural resources at this time, and there are ball fields in area towns for recreational uses. There are a lot of future uses that do not need to be decided upon at this time.

Ray Cline commented that by the time the Town gets around to building a field, all of the kids now will be grown up; we should not drag our feet. He pointed out that there were more Newbury kids than Bradford kids on the Bradford/Newbury ball team that played and practiced in Bradford.

Dan Wolf commented that the Committee did a good job on gathering information, and he would like to see what the Wetlands Board will allow. But, it is his opinion that it is too early to decide the use. He recommended to strike the beginning of the article and not approve the plan but go for the Wetlands Board approval.

Mr. Wolf proposed the following amendment for Article 15 to read as follows:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200.00 to seek Wetlands Board approval of the proposed Fishersfield Master Plan.

Motion was seconded and discussion followed.



Mr. Seidel explained that the fields in Bradford are already booked for use this spring, summer and fall. By fall, they are almost all dirt from the excessive use. Overuse will ruin them. Fields take time to grow in. We need to start now so they will be ready when we are. Wetlands Board review is a lengthy process, and there needs to be a conceptual plan in place in order for them to look at it.

Mr. Bensley commented that we need to decide if this property is going to be used for recreation or other uses. We don't have any definitive "other uses" at this time. Therefore, he is opposed to the amendment because we need a plan on paper or wetlands won't look at the project. There is a need for recreational facilities which is amply documented in the Newbury Master Plan prepared by the Planning Board. Do we want to use this property for recreation or other things?

Mr. Wolf commented that the purpose of the amendment was not to determine the use of the property. If wetlands refuses the plan, we have to start over. Let's see first if wetlands will approve the Master Plan, then decide if that is what we want to do with it.

Jack Iacopino commented that Mr. Pavlicek pointed out that this decision will not be binding for next year. Therefore, we can decide something else and act on it later.

Al Bachelder commented that if we are thinking about this being a master plan for the future it would seem nice to know the projected costs for the future also.

Mr. Seidel commented that Bristol, Sweet & Associates gave ballpark figures of \$110,000 to \$120,000 to complete the athletic fields. If we apply for grants and use our local resources, the costs can be cut drastically. Other towns have warrant articles for \$25,000/year and do it in smaller bites.

VOTE on Amendment: Majority in favor. Article 15 was amended to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,200.00 to seek Wetlands Board approval of the proposed Fishersfield Master Plan.

Discussion of Article 15 as amended followed.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that at last year's town meeting, the town voted for recreational and composting uses. This year we are voting on an amendment. We have already given permission for those two uses.

Mr. Seidel commented that last year we voted for engineering studies and there was another warrant article that addressed composting. Recreation was not a part of the 1999 warrant articles.

Beverly Wolf commented that last year's minutes indicated there will not be a detailed analysis. We are not ready to decide on a use and location(s) for those uses at this time.

Brenda Digilio commented that the Committee ought to keep their momentum. They obtained the analysis as directed and should be allowed to take the next step. It is not a final plan, just a proposal for the Wetlands Board.

Mr. Wolf suggested continuing with the process to see if the Wetlands Board will approve the project. He suggested the Town use the \$6,200 to see if the Wetlands Board will approve the plan. Nobody is asking for money for fields and nobody is denying money for fields. Just let's go forward, and we can decide on granting or denying future costs and uses later.

Mr. Seidel pointed out that according to the study, there are only two possible places to construct fields.

Jim Myles commented that there are not many facilities for children to enjoy in Newbury. This seems like a great plan. If the proposal is approved, will it cost another \$6,500.00 to the Wetlands Board if we change our minds?

Mr. Seidel explained that we can change the plan as long as it does not impact the wetland-approved areas.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 15 passed as amended.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will vote to accept the 1300 feet of Blodgett Brook Road, located off Chalk Pond Road. Subject to the approval of the Highway Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. (By petition)

Motion to adopt Article 16 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Elizabeth Bailey, resident on Blodgett Brook Road, spoke to the article. The residents are asking the Town to accept Blodgett Brook Road and take over the maintenance. Blodgett Brook Road is 1300' long, supports 5 houses with the 6<sup>th</sup> in process of being built. It ends in a turn-around and is relatively easy to maintain. It is flat and straight. She offered a letter of support from the Sunapee Hills Homeowners' Association.

Selectman Syvertsen commented that he drove down the road and observed it to be 2/10ths of a mile long and was not clear that there was a cul-de-sac at the end. It had a slight concaveness and would need some work to be brought up to town specifications.



Mr. Prussman, Highway Administrator, commented that he would need some core samples in order to determine the adequacy of the road material, and the drainage system will need some work. There is a cul-de-sac at the end of the road, currently being used for stock piling. That would need to be cleared away, and according to town specifications, the road would need to be paved before consideration for acceptance.

Ms. Bailey commented that the homeowners are more than willing to do whatever they can to assist the upgrading to Town specifications. The developer can probably answer most of the questions, but he is not here this evening.

Selectman Powell reiterated that all of the expenses to bring the road up to Town specifications, including the paving, would have to be borne by the homeowners of Blodgett Brook Road.

VOTE: 65 in favor. 43 opposed. Article 16 passed as read.

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator Marashio emphasized that any further discussion is not legally binding.

Brian Bostic asked if the Board of Selectmen is entertaining the idea of joining the other two lawsuits regarding the State School Tax.

Selectman Powell explained that they looked at both lawsuits and received legal counsel on both. We felt it was not to any advantage to join them. Any decision would benefit Newbury whether we are a player or not, therefore there is no need to expend funds.

Al Bachelder commented that 68% of our tax dollars is going to the school budget which was \$17 million this year. There was no provision on the ballot to vote No. It could have been any number, even \$20 million, and we would have been forced to approve it. We should think about this. Each item tonight, we had this opportunity to change or say no. We went from \$8 million to \$18 million in 10 years. Just something to think about.

Selectman Powell asked for the opinion of those present on a location for Town Meeting. Earlier the Board of Selectmen was considering having the Town Meeting at the ski area. Would you prefer that to the fire station? Majority in favor.

Brenda Digilio asked what is the progress on the composting.

Selectman Powell said that there is not a large demand for composting at this time. The Board of Selectmen has been studying it. We may not even need to use the Fishersfield property for that use.

Don Stowe commented that the Fishersfield Land Use Committee has done a great job. Newbury has a definite lack of items for younger people. It is very obvious over the last 20 years. Newbury kids deserve their own place, too.

Katheryn Holmes suggested an annual leaf collection day when a truck will go around and pick up leaves.

Ron Williams, Planning Board Chair, explained that the Planning Board is considering a Hillside Protection ordinance. At the public hearings held for this purpose, there were not many supporters of such an ordinance. If there is no support on the issue, the Board will not waste its time creating a Hillside Protection ordinance. What is the consensus? Do you wish to preserve the Hillsides as wooded? Majority in favor.

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Champy*

*Town Pound, Bly Hill*





## **SUMMER TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2000**

### **PRESENT:**

**Selectmen:** James Powell, David Kinsman, William Syvertsen

**Town Personnel:** Dennis Pavlicek, Shelly Candidus, Cal Prussman, Chief Valiquet, Glen Drewniak, Tim Mulder, Ron Williams, Betsy Soper, Del Harris, Alan Brown

**Citizens:** Tom DeVane & Robert Baker (BHGC), Kathryn Holmes, Nicholas Thomas, Gordon Marshall, Harvey Cohen, Karen Lovington, Mr. Schimberg and others

### **MEETING CONVENED: 10:00 a.m.**

Chairman Jim Powell opened the meeting by welcoming attendees. He explained that the summer town meeting is held to give non-resident taxpayers an opportunity to share in information about current and ongoing issues in the town. Town representatives were introduced and department and board heads gave a brief update on their activities:

1. Alan Brown, librarian, reported that the level of activity at the library was very high, with 1,278 patrons in July. The library has extended its summer hours to include Tuesdays, when volunteers offer a summer reading program and related activities for grade school children. The regular Wednesday reading program for pre-school children averages twenty attendees and has run continuously since the library reopened last year. An adult reading program is in place with monthly discussion groups led by scholars provided by a state program. The Friends of the Library have incorporated and will continue to plan events and raise funds to support special library needs.

2. Tim Mulder, manager of Blodgett Sewer, reported that the 40-year-old system was very well maintained and operating without problems. It is inspected by the state several times a year. A previous problem with high nitrate levels has been corrected.

3. Chief Valiquet reported that to date, there have been 2,700 incidents logged in, but only one major burglary. Police vehicles are replaced on a rotating basis every other year. A new cruiser was required this year because his vehicle was damaged in a storm. Due to department turnover, there have been serious personnel shortages but two new full-time officers have now been hired and are being trained.

Mr. Thomas noted that he has seen bags of garbage left in the vicinity of Chalk Pond Road and litter along the roadside. Prussman said the bags will be picked up by Highway workers. Valiquet said if there is a clue to the owner's identity, he will be notified of this violation. He added that loads of trash taken to the Transfer Station by truck must be secured and/or covered.

4. Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, reported that Bowles Road was paved and they are working on the shoulders there and doing preparation work on other roads, although they are behind in this because of so much rain. Ditching and shoulder work will be done on Gillingham Drive and other roads as weather permits. The department has a new grader, purchased at a very favorable price.

A question from the floor was raised about the status of Blodgett Landing Road and why it isn't given more priority on the five-year plan. Prussman explained that several factors were considered in developing the road improvement plan, including number of residents, traffic, input from the state and other studies. If funding is approved at Town Meeting, Blodgett town roads will be repaved in 2003, as noted on the five-year plan.

Ms. Lovington asked who was responsible for removing dead trees near the roadway, specifically on Stoodley Drive. Prussman explained the procedure for removing trees in the town right-of-way, including notifying owners, etc. He will investigate this report.

5. Betsy Soper, ZBA Chair, reported that she had no formal report organized as the Board has been without secretarial help for some time. She noted the Board had a busy year of hearings, with the majority of applications being granted. The Board is now addressing an overlay of ordinances to apply to properties at Blodgett Landing.

6. Ron Williams, Planning Board Chair, reported work on Mt. Sunapee and Shoreline overlay districts. The Board has redefined the Business District along Route 103. They are still working to address ways to control clear cutting on steep slopes to make these regulations very specific. Another concern is how to accommodate business growth and still control the size and density of businesses. The Planning Board is also working on special regulations pertaining to alterations and additions to non-conforming buildings/lots, as found at Blodgett Landing and areas of Bay Point Road. The Subdivision regulations are also being reviewed.

7. Del Harris, Building Inspector, reported that 102 permits were issued last year. He noted there is a projected 20 percent growth for our area, indicating building activity will keep rising. Sixty-two permits have been issued this year to date.



8. Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, reported that the town is in good shape financially and operating within budget. He noted that 21 percent of property owners' taxes goes to the town and the increase in 2000 taxes reflects cost of the new state-wide property tax. The increase should not be so large next year.

9. Powell reported on the Transfer Station. The building was finished last year and a well has been installed. A septic system will be budgeted for in 2001. Volume increases yearly, and last year a fee schedule for construction materials, white goods, and tires was instituted to help defray costs of trucking and disposing of these materials. Handling recyclable items and trash has increased, and the workforce at the station has doubled. Powell also noted that the beach and town dock areas have been maintained and improved and the caboose museum is now open to the public. The summer concert series continues to be very popular.

A question from the floor was raised concerning the availability of vouchers for the Transfer Station on weekends. Powell responded that vouchers can be ordered in advance by phone and we are now, on a trial basis, accepting a check for the exact amount, made out to the town, at the Transfer Station. Another question addressed the possibility of recycling plastics. Powell said there were no plans to do this at this time, since sorting the many different types of plastic into proper categories was very labor intensive. He added that leaves and grass clippings are now being accepted, and must not be mixed with any other materials when disposed of.

Powell then invited attendees to bring forward any issues.

Mr. Thomas remarked that he heard the state proposed to locate a boat launch in Newbury. Powell said the Fish & Game Department had studied several sites and now propose to put a boat ramp in at Wild Goose. They are preparing plans to present to the town. Thomas said the state shouldn't be spending all that time and money on such a project, which could have negative environmental effects. Powell noted that the Board had concerns both with milfoil and with traffic at the site and these will be addressed with the Fish & Game Department. Hearings on this matter will be posted well in advance.

Another remark from the floor noted that the issue of public access at Wild Goose had been addressed before. He feels there are too many boats on the lake now and suggested the Board write the Governor and ask that a study be done. He believes Fish & Game is in violation of federal law and the law covering access to lakes applies only to bodies of water where there is no pre-existing public access. Chief Valiquet noted that there is potential danger of accidents at the intersection of Birch Grove Road and Rt. 103 because of the size of the boats and the number of vehicles. He suggested that Birch Grove should be one-way. Powell noted that there is a new commissioner since the previous discussions involving Wild Goose. He believes that the state representatives will address and deal with the issues brought forward by the town.

Another comment: "The State Beach location is the obvious choice. There is room for parking and the ramp is already there."

Ms. Holmes gave a brief history of the issues surrounding Wild Goose and said she believes this site is not the answer. Powell repeated that the Board will hear the proposal and consider all viewpoints in this matter.

Concern was expressed by several attendees about degradation of the lake from run-off created by erosion from Baker Hill Golf Club (BHGC).

Question: "Why isn't there state input and why aren't there experts or consultants on site?" Powell responded that the issues are being addressed both by the town and the state. The town has a consultant, paid for by BHGC, who visits the site regularly and makes reports and recommendations.

Question: "What is being required to fix the problem?" Powell replied that cease & desist orders have been put in place by both the town and the state. Only one small area can be worked on at a time, and only areas of earth disturbance are to be worked on with erosion controls. Another question: "What about the use of phosphates?" Powell said the state is monitoring their use and BHGC has committed to use environmentally friendly fertilizers.



Mr. Schimberg reported that he had met with John Taylor of LSPA who said there will be growth in the lake as a result of the run-off. Schimberg said BHGC should be shut down immediately. No more construction should take place. No equipment or staging should be there. Powell responded that the problems at the site are being taken very seriously. He believes in the end it will be a good project and good for the town. He reiterated that only remedial work is now being done to stabilize problem areas, including the staging area. Another comment: "The lake and its quality is what is driving growth in the town. Don't be passive about this." Powell replied that the Board is not passive and many strong measures have been taken. Another comment: "Will BHGC help in cleaning up Blodgett Brook?" Powell replied in the affirmative. Another comment: "Is this work presenting a threat to the wells at Blodgett Landing?" Powell said the state is now addressing that issue.

Syvertsen added that the LSPA has been informed and involved in the issues of concern. They have provided the town with a favorable report on sediment measurements in the lake. Kinsman added that the state is looking at whether sediment can or should be removed. Schimberg said he understands BHGC cut in the buffer zone and encroached on wetlands. They have made serious business and operating errors and should be shut down. Syvertsen replied that copies of all our correspondence with BHGC and affiliated agencies are available for review in the town office.

Lovington asked why the meeting was scheduled for a morning in the middle of the week. Powell replied that we wanted to try out this time since there are logistic problems bringing in all the appropriate town employees on weekends or in the evening.

Powell closed the meeting by inviting attendees to visit, call, write, or e-mail the Board with any comments or concerns.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:45 a.m.**

## **BIRTHS**

### **Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2000**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Jan 17	Katie Michelle Santti	Timothy Santti	Kelley Santti	Concord, NH
May 22	Sasha May Liberman	Robert Liberman	Tatiana Liberman	New London, NH
June 14	Solomon August Neuwirt	Alexei Neuwirt	Lynne Neuwirt	Newbury, NH
July 6	John Paul Deneher	Daniel Deneher	Stephanie Deneher	Claremont, NH
July 11	Logan Edward Seaholm	Wayne Seaholm	Laurie Seaholm	New London, NH
Aug 21	Joshua Robert Griffin	Robert Griffin	Liselle Griffin	Lebanon, NH
Sept 15	Sean Michael Higgins	John Higgins	Terri Higgins	Lebanon, NH



# MARRIAGES

## Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Place of Residence	Name of Bride	Place of Residence
Jan 16	Heth H. Graham	Newbury, NH	Lisa A. Lawrence	Newbury, NH
June 6	Walter J. Branch, Jr	Newbury, NH	Laura M. Szymkiewicz	Newbury, NH
June 24	Jason J. Lalla	Vail, CO	Heather C. Huges	Vail, CO
July 1	Frank F. Sargent, Jr	McKinney, TX	Jean Richards	Newbury, NH
July 8	Scott D. Flint	Newbury, NH	Katherine A. Josephs	Newbury, NH
July 27	Peter F. Webb	Eugene, OR	Nancy L. Crippen	Eugene, OR
Aug 5	James W. Lord	Newbury, NH	Joanne M. Dionne	Newbury, NH
Aug 10	Russell D. Coleman	Newbury, NH	Darien H. Cousens	Newbury, NH
Aug 17	Stephen V. Colanero	Newbury, NH	Pamela E. Stiller	Newbury, NH
Oct 7	Geoffrey D. Dodge	Fairfax, VA	Marsha A. Williams	Fairfax, VA
Oct 22	Blake M. Loring, II	Belmont, NH	Christine M. McClenaghan	Newbury, NH
Nov 15	Gary M. Dion	Newbury, NH	Karen L. Hall	Newbury, NH
Nov 18	Stephen C. Noyer	Newbury, NH	Michele Monaghan	Newbury, NH

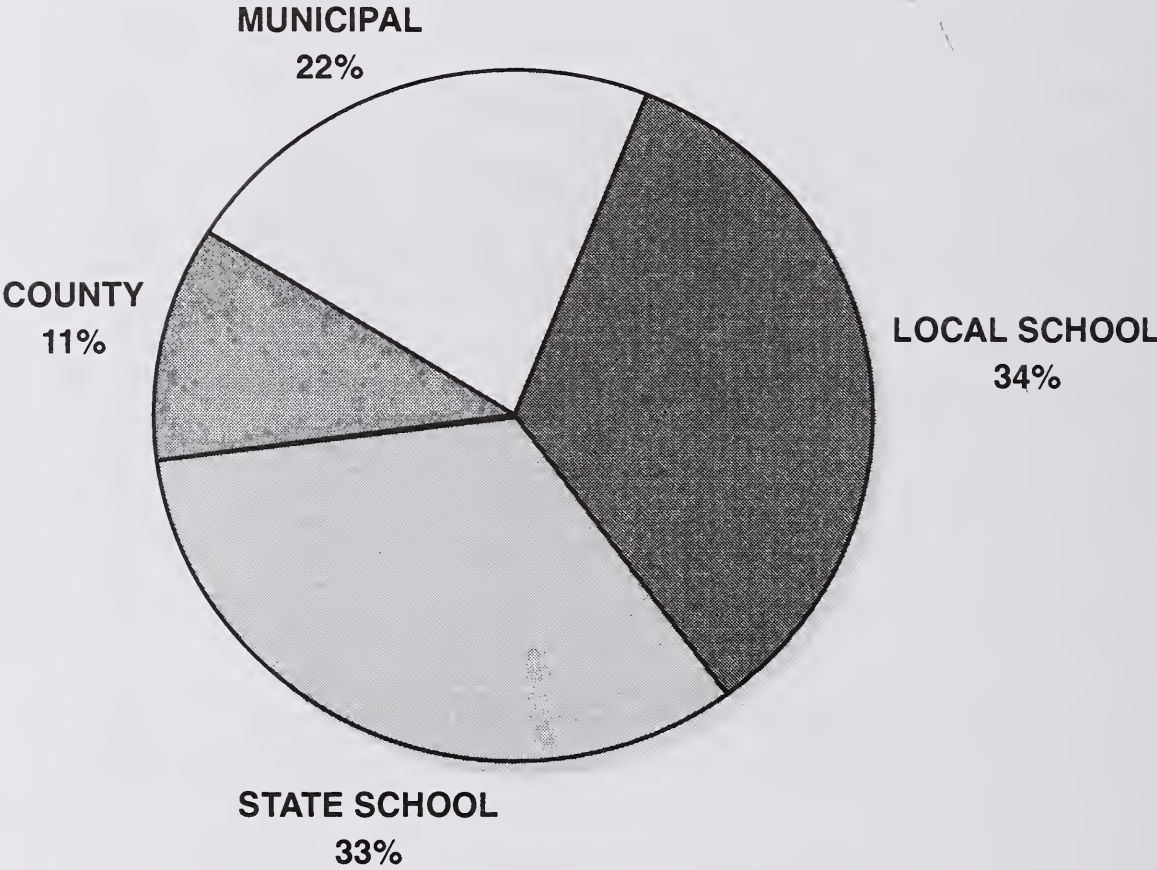
## DEATHS

### Registered in the Town of Newbury, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Date of Decedent's Death	Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan 12	Leonard E. Dupuis	White River Jct, VT	Leonard Dupuis	Esther Durham
Jan 19	Ruth L. Gall	South Kingstown, RI	Unknown Lefforge	Unknown Unknown
Feb 11	Dorothy G. Perkins	Newport, NH	Roland Glines	Mabel Bryant
April 9	Robert G. Hambrecht	South Newbury, NH	George Hambrecht	Helen Hunt
May 2	Katherine F. Tidlund	Newbury, NH	Arthur Donigan	Ethel Browley
July 5	Sands A. Fish	Newport, NH	Alden Fish	Martha Edgecome
Aug 14	Leroy E. Smith	White River Jct, VT	Leroy Smith	Josephine Sylce
Sept 28	Patricia W. Steinfield	Newbury, NH	Walter Benoit	Gladys Rawstron
Oct 20	Ruth E. Kinsman	New London, NH	Norman Ellard	Eunice Clift
Nov 8	Chester Day	New London, NH	Frank Day	Rina Seanor
Dec 13	Catherine A. Baker	New London, NH	Lawrence Gerou	Mary Diskin



**YOUR TAX DOLLARS**



Local School Tax .....	\$6.61
State School Tax .....	6.48
County Tax .....	2.25
Municipal Tax .....	4.25
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# NEWBURY SERVICE DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

### ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

FIRE DEPARTMENT (*non-emergency*) ..... 763-4403

POLICE STATION (*non-emergency*) ..... 763-4104

POLICE DISPATCH ..... 763-2221

After calling for Emergency Help please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

Selectmen's Office ..... 763-4940

FAX ..... 763-5298

*Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m. - Noon*

*Selectmen meet every two weeks*

*on a rotating schedule of Monday nights*

*at 6:30 and Tuesday mornings at 9:00.*

<http://town.newbury.nh.us>

E-mail: [newbury@sugar-river.net](mailto:newbury@sugar-river.net)

Town Clerk

and Tax Collector's Office ..... 763-5326

*Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Last Saturday of the month: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon.*

Forest Fire Warden Dave Smith ..... 938-5925

Town Highway Department ..... 938-5494

*Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Office .*

Library ..... 763-5803

*Monday 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Sunday Noon - 5:00 p.m.*

NEWBURY TRANSFER STATION ..... 763-2289

*Monday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*















